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Chickasaw Constitution celebration Aug. 30

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Come one, come all to the Chickasaw Historic Capitol City of Tishomingo for a very special commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution.

Chickasaw citizens, employees and friends are all invited to take a step back in time to celebrate Chickasaw Constitution Day, August 30, 2006 at the park near Good Spring.

"This is such a significant moment in history, we want everyone to join us as we celebrate the foresight of the people who created the document which 'recognized and established the general, great and essential prin-

ciples of Liberty and Free government,'" said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "One hundred fifty years after our Chickasaw Constitution was ratified, we take great pride in honoring those who established our modern tribal government, and great joy in helping preserve that legacy for generations to come."

An evening of fun, food, music and festivities is planned to capture the spirit of the time when the Chickasaw Constitution established the modern government of the Chickasaw Nation.

An exciting one-act play by the Chickasaw Living History

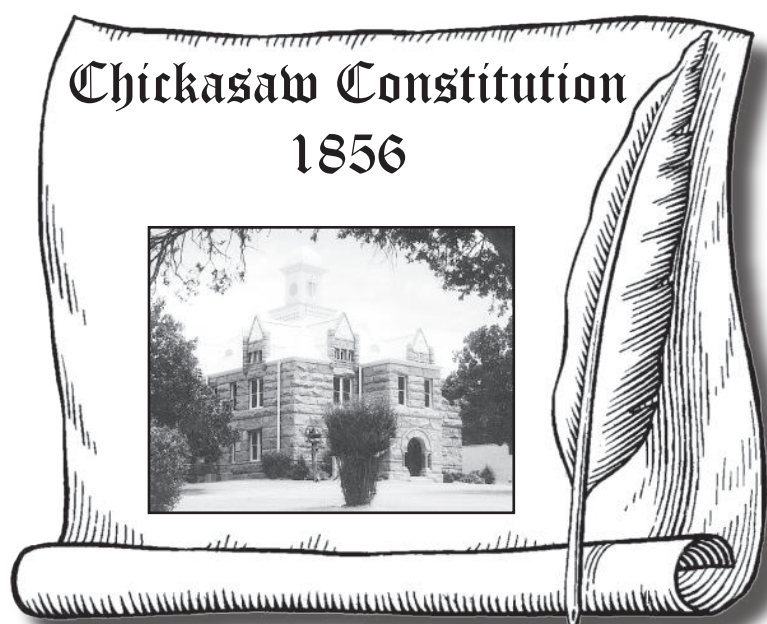
Players depicting historic events surrounding the ratification of the constitution will be a highlight of the evening. A spectacular fireworks display will cap the day's events.

A generous picnic dinner featuring foods from the time period will be provided free of charge.

Chickasaw Lighthorsemen in period uniform on horseback will patrol the capitol grounds.

Kids from eight to 80 will have the opportunity to enjoy sack races, three-legged races, ring toss, horseshoe games and numerous other activities on the lawn.

Some may prefer to relax un-



Customer winnings take 95%

Chickasaw business operates on tight margins

Business is booming in the Chickasaw Nation.

Lots of people visit the historic area now, as compared with just a decade ago. Traffic along Interstate 35, the main north-south artery through the Chickasaw Nation, has grown as have businesses along the road.

Many visitors make stops at Chickasaw tribal businesses, most notably tribal casinos. The tribe's WinStar Casinos, located just north of the Red River in Thackerville, Oklahoma, last year welcomed more than one million visitors.

Customers to the Chickasaw casinos most often come to play the electronic gaming machines, or participate in the table games.

Many dollars are spent in the casinos, and the vast majority of that money is returned to the customers in the form of prize payouts.

For example, last year Chickasaw casino customers spent about \$6 billion. That's right - \$6 billion - with a "b!" Of that total of \$6 billion, Chickasaw casinos returned to customers about \$5.7 billion in the form of prize payouts.

"That's why our casino customers come and patronize our facilities," Chickasaw Enterprises chief executive officer Brian Campbell said. "They come in because they enjoy the entertainment, and they have a chance to win."

So, of the total of \$6 billion

taken in by the casinos, \$5.7 billion goes back to the customers as winnings. That means 95% of all the money coming into the Chickasaw casinos goes back to the customers who are playing the games.

Additional money totaling \$160 million was produced by the tribal businesses other than casinos last year. The costs of operating the tribal businesses, including salaries, utilities, supplies, etc., was \$273 million. That leaves a total of \$187 million remaining for use by the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation utilized \$116 million of that total last year for providing programs and services to the Chickasaw people, and for buildings and land acquisitions. The remaining \$71 million was invested back into the tribal businesses for development of future profits.

"We are involved in what is called a 'low-margin business,'" Campbell said. "We must rely on very heavy volume to make money. While we take in billions up front, we must pay almost all of that back to customers in prizes. After our regular business expenses, what is left goes to the tribe to help Chickasaw people."

der a brush arbor and listen to the strains of a live band performing period music, while others may be moved to dance a jig.

Other activities will include tours of the capitol and a special Constitution Day awards ceremony.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the contest for best historical costume.

Cash prizes will also be awarded to winners of the student Constitution Day art contest

and student Constitution Day essay competition.

Art created by contest participants will be on display on the capitol grounds for all to enjoy.

A variety of commemorative items, including replicas of the 1856 Constitution, crystal paperweights with an image of the historic Chickasaw Capitol and other items will also be available.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Constitution Day Essay competition open to students

Hundreds of dollars in prize money will be awarded in a student essay contest celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution.

A first place prize of \$200 will be awarded in each of two categories as junior high school and high school students compete to explain why the Chickasaw

Constitution remains a relevant document 150 years after ratification.

Student essays of 1,000 to 1,100 words will include discussion of how the constitution defines the current structure of

See Essay Contest, page 22

Chickasaw Constitution Day Art competition open to students

Hundreds of dollars in prize money will be awarded in a student art competition celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution.

First through third place winners will be selected in each of two categories and three age divisions.

Six first place winners will

each receive \$200.

Chickasaw students in third through twelfth grade are eligible to enter visual artwork reflecting the theme: "Chickasaw Nation Celebrating 150 Years of Constitutional Government."

Visual historical timelines, *See Art Contest, page 22*

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****March 17, 2006****AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Pro Tempore Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in the absence of Chairperson Scott Colbert.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Members absent: Scott Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Geraldine Greenwood, Rita Loder, Melissa Walker, Robyn Elliott

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

Secretary Pro-Tempore

Chairperson Pro Tempore Briggs appointed Dr. Judy Goforth Parker to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for the session. All members were in favor of the appointment.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 17, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the February 17, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

A correction was made to the minutes. The motion was amended to approve the minutes as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2006, as amended, carried unanimously.

Presentation

Chairperson Pro Tempore Briggs presented a plaque to Ms. Doretta Sellers for 20 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-047, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma containing approximately 53 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-047. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-047 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-048, Lease of Jointly-owned Arkansas Riverbed Lands

At its last quarterly meeting, held on January 19, 2006, the Arkansas Riverbed Authority, comprised of representatives of the Cherokee Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation, recommended the approval of a lease between the authority and Arkhola Sand and Gravel Company. Arkhola is an Arkansas-based corporation. The lease grants that company the five-year right to dredge sand and gravel from the Arkansas Riverbed, with an annual minimum payment of \$8,250.

The minimum is calculated based upon 20 cents per ton for sand and 25 cents per ton for gravel. Once the minimum amount has been reached, additional payment shall be calculated on the per-ton assessments noted herein.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-048. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-048 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-049, Right-of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County (Kullihoma Parcel 13)

This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way to the Pontotoc County Board of Commissioners for the construction and improvements to an existing county roadway on property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Compensation is waived.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-049. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-049 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-050, Right-of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County (Kullihoma Parcel 17)

This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way to the Pontotoc County Board of Commissioners for construction and improvements to an existing county roadway on property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Compensation is waived.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-050. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-050 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-051, Right-of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County (Kullihoma Parcel 10)

This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way to the Pontotoc County Board of Commissioners for construction and improvements to an existing county roadway on property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Compensation is waived.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-051. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Chickasaw Constitution marked new beginnings

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

A very special time is approaching for all Chickasaw people.

On August 30 we will commemorate and celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Chickasaw Constitution. Our constitution was ratified on that day, in 1856, in our historic capitol city of Tishomingo. Fittingly, we will celebrate this sesquicentennial of our modern Chickasaw government in Tishomingo.

Our tribal government's history long predates our actual constitutional moment. For generations, certainly long before European contact, the Chickasaw Nation functioned as a self-governing nation with a system of chiefs, councils and judicial units.

In 1829, the tribe took a big step by producing a code of written laws. This code established

more effective law and order and began the recognition of property rights.

Following Removal to Indian Territory, the Chickasaw people experienced real challenges operating their historic government. The change had made effective function of the government virtually impossible as people settled in new areas. Also at that time, Chickasaws were very consumed with the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter.

The Treaty of Doaksville, which established the Chickasaws as a western district of the Choctaw Nation, actually helped lead our people to the 1856 constitution. The treaty, in effect, dissolved the Chickasaw Nation as a political entity to be absorbed into the Choctaw Nation in this new land. Chickasaws became citizens of the Choctaw Nation and were represented on the Choctaw council by men from the Chickasaw District.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

As you might imagine, this Removal-era consequence led to more than a little consternation on the part of Chickasaws. It also gave birth to a new era of Chickasaw nationalism. The Chickasaw District was granted ten seats on the Choctaw council, which had a total of 40 seats. This would lead to changes and a newly reborn Chickasaw government.

It became obvious to Chickasaw leaders the long-cherished government identity of the Chickasaw Nation must be re-

established.

In 1855, Chickasaw and Choctaw leaders met and dissolved the Treaty of Doaksville, foretelling the reemergence of the Chickasaw Nation following Removal. On August 1, 1856, Chickasaws met at Good Spring, now Tishomingo. At this huge gathering, Chickasaw organizers had collected 5,000 pounds of beef to feed the many people during the meeting. Chickasaws gathered under large brush arbors to listen and participate as the constitutional convention got under way. After much discussion, a drafting committee was appointed to define the new government and draw up the constitution.

The convention reassembled at Tishomingo on Aug. 30 and the constitution of the Chickasaw Nation was ratified. This great document established the "general great and essential principles of Liberty and Free Government," and "All power

is inherent in the people and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit."

The constitution provided for a legislative body, executive branch and judiciary. The Chickasaw people supported it fully and were pleased to have once again established their government's autonomy.

On this very special upcoming 150th Anniversary of our constitution, I personally invite you to come to Tishomingo and share in this rich and wonderful occasion. There will be many activities, including reenactments of constitutional moments, essay and art competitions, lots of games and music, and a joyful picnic.

The best thing of all will be the remembering of what our ancestors accomplished 150 years ago. Their Chickasaw spirit of life, liberty and service to fellow Chickasaws will be celebrated by each of us.

Chickasaws to assist educators in presenting Native culture to students

EDMOND, Okla. - Several Chickasaw citizens and employees will participate in the Connecting to American Indian Learners conference Saturday, May 13 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Laura Morrison, Lorie Robins, JoAnn Ellis, Vera Tims, Darrell Walker and Trina Jones are among the Chickasaws scheduled to participate in the conference designed to help educators build better relationships with

American Indian students.

The conference helps educate the educators about characteristics and identities of American Indian students.

"The more they can understand about the American Indian students' characteristics, the better they can connect with these students and mentor," said Ms. Morrison. "A student that feels acceptance for his culture feels more validated."

Ms. Morrison recently pre-

sented an abbreviated version of the Connecting with American Indian learners program to a group of art educators from around the U.S. at the National Art Educators Association conference in Chicago.

"They want to be able to teach about American Indian culture, but they don't want to be wrong," Morrison said about the teachers she worked with in Chicago. "So, they tend to not teach it, because they are afraid of saying something that isn't correct. I told them I appreciated that, but it's always good to be asked."

Ms. Morrison will join Dr. Neil Houser and Karen Goodnight presenting a workshop on culture and diversity.

JoAnn Ellis and Vera Tims will join Teresa Billy and Norma Marshall in presenting a language workshop.

Lorie Robins will be a storyteller, and Darrell Walker will present a make and take art dream catchers workshop.

Trina Jones will present an art workshop.



Laura Morrison works on a pine needle basket during her recent trip to the National Art Educators Association conference in Chicago.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Babysitters College set

The Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department has announced the return of Babysitters College for youth ages 12 – 18 who are interested in educating themselves on how to safely and effectively care for small children.

Babysitters College addresses infant and child CPR; first aid and safety; child abuse identification and reporting; shaken baby syndrome prevention; nutritious meals and snacks; formula preparation; dressing and diaper changing infants and toddlers; age-appropriate exercises and activities; self defense; babysitter etiquette; and the importance of hand washing and proper hand washing techniques.

To be eligible for this free training, applicants must be 12 to 18 years old, Native American, or the child of a Chickasaw Nation employee and must have transportation to and from the training location.

Babysitters College is available in three locations:

Tishomingo Clinic

May 23 & 24 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Boston, (580) 371-2362

Application Deadline: May 18

Carl Albert Health Facility, Ada

May 31 & June 1 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Deanna Carpitche, (580) 421-4591

Application Deadline: May 25

Purcell Clinic

June 5 & 6 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Alex Colbert, (405) 527-4700

Application Deadline: May 31

Participants attending the two-day training will receive a completion certificate and written proof of first aid and CPR training. Lunch and snacks will be provided during the training.

Applications can be picked up at each of the training locations. For more information on Babysitters College, contact Nancy Boston, Deanna Carpitche or Alex Colbert at the phone numbers listed above.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Tribal summer camp season offers choices to students



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! I hope you all enjoyed Easter at your place of worship and spent the rest of the day enjoying family and friends.

It's time to wish all of our graduating students the very best in the coming year and may you all continue in the vocation of your choice. Kudos to all of you for completing your course of study. I encourage all Chickasaws to continue your education throughout your lives.

I recently attended the Oklahoma state JOM conference in

Tulsa. I was encouraged that the JOM program is very strong throughout the Chickasaw Nation. It is such a needed program that I hope Congress does not cut it as I hear they might. The program is wonderful and helps schools address the education of our Native American youth with the input and assistance from parents.

I would also like to remind students and parents that the summer camp season is rapidly approaching. The Chickasaw Nation will again offer camps that are educational and recreational in nature and excellent experiences for our youth to

expand their awareness of the world and the opportunities that it holds. Please remain aware of our tribal newspaper and the Chickasaw Nation web site for further information.

Administrator Bill Lance reported the following statistics: In the month of March, 2006, there were 250 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,689. March Emergency Room visits were 977. March saw 311 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,555 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,570 patients in

March. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,762 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,853. The Durant Clinic saw 2,890 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,723.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the *Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Services for out-of-area Chickasaws on front burner



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Still, progress continues. The Land Committee has been incredibly busy and properties have been approved for purchase, which are integral to plans that will be of great benefit to our citizens.

Meetings are scheduled in a number of cities to give reports on the results of the Listening Conference held recently in Oklahoma City and proposals which will be of benefit to our citizens who live outside the boundaries will be presented. The Listening Conference was a history-making event, which will have a positive, far-reaching effect on the citizens of our Nation living outside the boundaries of our Nation. To date we are unaware of any other tribe making efforts to extend services outside their boundaries.

And neither do we now of any tribe not limiting blood quantum for services. Being Chickasaw is a very good thing!!

For sometime we have been in the process of acquiring the historical Burney Institute and at long last it is a "done deal!" The paperwork is completed and signed. After many, many years it once again belongs to

the Chickasaw Nation!

The Education Department is particularly busy at this time of year as they award scholarships and urge students to get their applications in for they many activities being held during the summer. Events with particularly interesting aspects are the Entrepreneur Camp, wherein the participants actually prepare a

plan for a business venture of their choice, and the CNASA camp which is space related. Much energy and creativity is involved in the projects available to our students.

Happy Summer to all of you! Stay as cool as you can and active as you are able.

Linda Briggs

Greetings, Fellow Chickasaws!

We skipped Spring here in the Nation and proceeded directly to Summer! With 100-degree temperatures this week that is how it seemed.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (at the senior site from 11 a.m. - 1p.m.) on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Recollections of elders help create Chickasaw Cultural Center

Greetings. Chukma.

Several of your Chickasaw Legislators attended the Heart of American Women's Conference in Hollywood, Florida, hosted by the Florida Seminoles. What we learned really sent me home thinking about the hardships that the tribes in the United States have suffered over the years. It also made me think about what a resilient people we are, and more specifically, about how resilient the Chickasaw people are.

The Florida Seminoles were basically chased into the Florida everglades as they fought removal to Oklahoma. The Seminoles in Oklahoma today are the ancestors of this same group of people. What they endured has been preserved through their oral history as well as in museums and documentaries that they have reenacted. We were absolutely amazed as we looked at the pictures of their history and how they had adapted to a new way of life as they lived in the everglades. Their story is one of hardship as well as victory.

Our story is similar. I was recently asked to tell about a

Chickasaw woman who has been influential in my life, and my thoughts returned to my great-great-great grandmother, Mahate, who was a part of the removal to Oklahoma. We know that she had at least two children, and possibly three. I have had the opportunity over the years to communicate with many of my family members who have been separated from me by either, time, distance, or relocation activities of the federal government. Our Mahate must have been a strong woman. We love to think about her, but we know very little about her actual life.

In a recent Community Council, another Chickasaw elder who I think so much of shared the story of relocation attempts of the federal government that her family fought. She shared with us how she was moved to a boarding school with her four siblings after the death of her mother. This conversation caused our small group to begin talking about the past, what our families had endured, and how our language has been lost to many Chickasaw families.

The only word I actually learned as a child was Chukma. Our Chickasaw elders shared with us how they want to share the language with us and how because of the busy lifestyles of many of us, it is hard to teach us the precious Chickasaw language.

Thoughts of what we can do to preserve our culture were also discussed. We looked at pictures of the Cultural Center that will be opening in 2007. You currently have Chickasaw elders and experts in our culture spending hours in trying to tell the story of the Chickasaw Nation that will be depicted in this cultural center. It will be a place for interactive experiences. I hope that you will plan on visiting Oklahoma in the near future and see what we are doing to preserve the culture of the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Please keep in contact. And also, I am asking that Patricia, from Florida, please call me again. I did not record your number correctly, and do not have a way to contact you. I would also encourage you, if you every try



Chickasaw tribal legislators Judy Goforth Parker, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, and administrative aide Susan Holman at the Heart of American Women's Conference in Florida.

to reach one of us and we do not respond, please do so again. We do not neglect answering your phone calls or questions on purpose. So please. Keep calling, emailing, or writing to us. You

are the life of what we do.

Have a great summer.

Your Pontotoc District, Seat 2 Legislator

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaws may now receive GED on-line; Chickasaws ages three to 18 eligible for clothing grants



**Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator**

There is great news for busy Chickasaws who desire to complete their GED requirement.

Our tribal Education Department now offers GED courses on line. That means you can work at your own speed and in your own home to achieve your GED. If you don't have a computer at home, you can use one at your local library or at our GED lab.

Please give the Education Department a call today for more information. The number is (580) 421-7711. It's worth it to finish that GED.

Also remember that Chickasaw children ages three to 18 are eligible for the new clothing

grant program. This is a wonderful program that provides back-to-school clothes to virtually all Chickasaw children regardless of where they live. Just give the Education Department a call today for information.

We recently received an excellent presentation from Mr. Bill Lance, our Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator, regarding the threat of bird flu. As you know, this virus is spreading around the world, and the U.S. is not immune. Mr. Lance told us how CNHS was working with state and federal officials to be prepared should an outbreak occur here. This is a dangerous possibility, and it is good to know our health system is working to help us should we be exposed.

To all of you who called during our recent fires, our deepest thanks. The wild horses in our area all survived and are doing well, so wanted to pass that along for those who asked.

There is now a toll-free number for Chickasaws who live outside the area. When you want to reach the tribe, call 1-866-466-1481.

Best wishes to all Pickens District citizens, and all the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

Financial audit of tribe ongoing with KPMG



**Holly Easterling
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator**

Title 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, specifically Section 10-118, calls for the services of a CPA firm to perform auditing of all accounts, funds and accounting systems of the Chickasaw Nation on an annual basis. I thought you might be interested to know what a thorough and rigorous process this is and what

all it involves.

KPMG has been retained for several years to perform our annual audit. Rest assured, KPMG is an international organization well known for professional credibility and integrity in the field of accounting services. You may visit their website at www.us.kpmg.com to find out more about them.

Our audit is virtually a perpetual, year-round process now and involves Chickasaw Nation finance and accounting staff from the three divisions of Headquarters, Housing and the Division of Commerce, internal audit staff and the financial reporting staff all working in conjunction with (many) personnel from KPMG at different times throughout the year. Other departments such as Office of Management and Budget, Human Resources, Procurement, Property and Supply, IT and departments with programs such as WIC, Child Support Enforcement, etc., will also work with

the auditors as necessary.

In addition, KPMG interviews all kinds of tribal personnel from Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel to members of the Legislature to employees at all levels of responsibility. When I served as controller of Chickasaw Enterprises, I don't mind telling you that our staff dreaded KPMG coming and celebrated when they finally left! They asked every question, checked every material transaction, documented, interviewed, re-interviewed and left no stone unturned.

These days, with the unprecedented growth and financial success of your tribe, KPMG probably isn't able to leave for long or they won't be able to keep abreast of all we're doing! You can view the latest audit on the CN Website at www.Chickasaw.net under Office of the Governor then Financial Reports.

Happy Spring to you and your family!

April 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-056

Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County

(Tribal Tract No. 5)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of GHK/Potato Hills Limited Partnership, 6305 Waterford Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$188.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$940.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$235.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to the NE/4 SW/4 SE/4 of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 21 East, LeFlore County, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-057

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, described as: NW/4 of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 160 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Na-

tion

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-058

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Four (4) North, Range Six (6) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/Cor. SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Four (4) North, Range Six (6) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma; Thence N 0°11'35" E, along the East line of said SE/4, a distance of 768.85 feet; Thence N 89°48'25" W, a distance of 40.00 feet, to a point on the West right-of-way line of Country Club Road, said point being the point of beginning; Thence N 0°11'35" E, along the West right-of-way line of said Country Club Road, a distance of 340.00 feet; Thence N 89°48'25" W, a distance of 310.00 feet, to a point on the West right-of-way line of said Country Club Road; Thence N 0°11'35" E, along the West right-of-way line of said Country Club Road, a distance of 60.00 feet; Thence N 89°47'50" W, a distance of 851.53 feet; Thence S 0°09'32" W, a distance of 337.03 feet; Thence N 89°47'50" W, a distance of 278.88 feet, to a point on the East right-of-way line of Susan Street; Thence S 0°09'32" W, along the East right-of-way line of said Susan Street, a distance of 343.16 feet; Thence S 89°48'25" E, a distance of 1130.00 feet, to the point of beginning; Said tract containing 13.50 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-059

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Four (4) North, Range Six (6) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/Cor. SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Four (4) North, Range Six (6) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma; Thence N 0°11'35" E, along the East line of said SE/4, a distance of 768.85 feet; Thence N 89°48'25" W, a distance of 40.00 feet, to a point on the West right-of-way line of Country Club Road, said point being the point of beginning; Thence N 0°11'35" E, along the West right-of-way line of said Country Club Road, a distance of 340.00 feet; Thence N 89°48'25" W, a distance of 310.00 feet, to a point on the West right-of-way line of said Country Club Road; Thence N 0°11'35" E, along the West right-of-way line of said Country Club Road, a distance of 60.00 feet; Thence N 89°47'50" W, a distance of 851.53 feet; Thence S 0°09'32" W, a distance of 337.03 feet; Thence N 89°47'50" W, a distance of 278.88 feet, to a point on the East right-of-way line of Susan Street; Thence S 0°09'32" W, along the East right-of-way line of said Susan Street, a distance of 343.16 feet; Thence S 89°48'25" E, a distance of 1130.00 feet, to the point of beginning; Said tract containing 13.50 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Na-

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Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

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Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to place the real property, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, on the National Register of Historic Places, described as follows: Approximately 50,000 square feet of tribal property located on Lots 5,6,7 and 8 and the South 10 feet of Lot 9 and Part of Lot 2 and Lots 3 and 4, of Block 84, Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County. Property Location: 201 North Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma. Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-060

Authorization to Place Real Property in Pontotoc County on National Register of Historic Places

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Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

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General Resolution Number GR23-060

Authorization to Place Real Property in Pontotoc County on National Register of Historic Places

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Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

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Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

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Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

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Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Committee Reports

Education Committee

April 10, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander

Finance Committee

April 10, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

April 17, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Dean McManus

Health Committee

March 6, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

April 10, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Scott Colbert

Absent: Mooniene Ogee

Land Development Committee

April 10, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander

April 17, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

April 10, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

April 10, 2006

Present: Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Dean McManus

See *Resolutions*, page 46

Culture of healing at heart of new tribal health facility

Designers from the architectural firm of Page Southerland Page recently met with a number of Chickasaw citizens and employees to ensure important aspects of Chickasaw culture are incorporated into the design of the new health facility planned in Ada.

"We want to create a comfortable, inviting environment which will address all the important aspects of the wellness and healing experience," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "While it is important to provide the best technology and medical equipment available, our desire is to go beyond that to address the cultural, spiritual, family and

community elements which can be so vital to an individual's overall well-being."

Larry Speck, Page Southerland Page lead designer on the project, made it clear the firm wants to create a design which is "responsive to the community."

He noted that he has learned that many Chickasaw elders maintain a strong sense of connection to traditional culture.

"This is a golden moment to build a hospital that connects with elders," said Mr. Speck. "We've got to think of this as a social place."

That theme of family and community was mentioned repeatedly during the consultation

process.

Since most patients are accompanied by several family members from young children to elders, the need to accommodate family members of patients was stressed.

Hospital rooms large enough to accommodate visitors and still allow room for staff to attend to patients was one suggestion.

Another suggestion was to provide a limited number of suites for those in need of long-term care. These suites would make it easier for family members to stay with patients for extended periods.

A children's area to provide various activities for visiting children was also suggested.

Incorporating traditional images of southeastern tribes into the architecture was also mentioned.

"By placing culture first, and then integrating the clinical requirements, the design can make an emotional connection between the two worlds," said Chickasaw citizen Glenda Galvan, who is also a member of the tribal department of heritage preservation.

Ms. Galvan also made a number of suggestions to help incorporate culture into the design of the facility

One suggestion was to provide places for a variety of spiritual activities.

A chapel for prayer and wor-

ship, along with an outdoor smudging or cedar room for traditional cleansing ceremonies are being considered.

"This is a great opportunity to build a facility which will incorporate new technology and maintain traditions of the past," said Gregg Elsass, senior vice president of Page, Southerland Page.

Preserving a connection with nature for patients, staff and visitors also received a great deal of support from architects, citizens and staff.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Majority of business receipts reserved to pay bills, reinvest

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for educa-

tion includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$38.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$2.7 million and \$15.6 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$50.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for March totaled \$49 million and \$271 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was

\$100.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$42.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2006, the tribal government funds had \$40 mil-

lion in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$111 million in cash and investments of which \$74 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of March 31, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$514 million with \$75 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$439 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$48 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2006			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 2,002,048	271,807,916	273,809,964
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	40,405,744	(40,405,744)	-
Total funds available	42,407,792	231,402,172	273,809,964
Expenditures			
General government	3,191,720		3,191,720
Legislature	707,797		707,797
Judiciary	274,278		274,278
Education	2,752,383		2,752,383
Heritage Preservation	1,228,806		1,228,806
Health	3,106,747		3,106,747
Youth and Family Services	1,779,065		1,779,065
Nutrition Programs	966,150		966,150
Regulatory	711,471		711,471
Assistance Programs	933,434		933,434
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		101,216,250	101,216,250
Other businesses' expense		87,815,599	87,815,599
Total expenditures	15,651,851	189,031,849	204,683,700
Increase in net assets	26,755,941	42,370,323	69,126,264
Beginning net assets	160,226,187	209,824,594	370,050,781
Ending net assets	\$ 186,982,128	252,194,917	439,177,046
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2006			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 40,408,817	111,697,442	152,106,259
Receivables	469,918	14,212,486	14,682,403
Inventory		4,426,818	4,426,818
Prepaid expenses		2,557,746	2,557,746
Other Assets		29,990,936	29,990,936
Fixed assets	146,280,053	164,262,027	310,542,080
Less payables	(176,660)	(74,952,536)	(75,129,196)
Net Assets	\$ 186,982,128	252,194,917	439,177,046

Judicial system seeks advocate; bar association at 82



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Justice

Hello and greetings from Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred. We continue to have, you the citizens of the Great Chickasaw Nation, as our focus in providing a court system.

The Judicial Department is currently taking applications for a court advocate. The Supreme Court Justices have reviewed applications and are very interested in those individuals who have applied for the court advocate position. However, before reaching a decision, we are going to accept applications from attorneys residing outside of the Chickasaw Nation, too. As we look toward the future, the Supreme Court has several ideas about extending the services of the Judicial Branch. We are committed to serving the Chickasaw people with their legal issues. If you would like to apply for the court advocate position, please contact Human Resources at: (580) 436-2603 or Connie Tillery, Court Administrator, at (580) 235-0281.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association has grown to 82 members. If you are a licensed attorney and would like to join the Chickasaw Bar Association, please contact Jason Burwell at: (580) 235-0281 or log on to www.chickasaw.net and click on the "Judicial" link for more information and an application.

Justice Barbara A. Smith and I were excited to be able to show our support of the Children's Fair April 1, 2006. We joined the judicial staff, District Court clerk, Wayne Joplin ;Deputy Tamara Dresser; Intern Karis Richardson; Supreme Court Clerk Jason Burwell and Court Administrator Connie Tillery, in greeting and handing out candy, balloons, pens and small tattoos to the children. We also provided

a huge inflatable obstacle course for the kids. Justice Smith and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the family members of our employees for their assistance at the Children's Fair. Justin Conklin, son-in-law of Connie Tillery and Beau Dresser, husband of Tamara Dresser, provided the muscle and strong backs for the heavy lifting. These guys help us out at every Chickasaw event and do it with a happy heart. Thanks Guys! We had a great time at the Children's Fair and are making plans for the 2007 Fair! Happy children everywhere that day is resounding proof of the Child Abuse Prevention program's success.

The Supreme Court Justices would like to welcome Donna Hartman to the Legislature. We were honored to participate in the Oath of Office for Ms. Hartman and we wish her success in her service to the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Supreme Court hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 o'clock a.m. – 12:00 o'clock p.m., and 1:00 o'clock p.m. – 5:00 o'clock p.m. If you have questions about the courts contact Connie Tillery, (580) 235-0281.

As with county and state

courts, the Chickasaw District Court will occasionally have a jury trial. The question has been asked who can serve and who is not qualified to serve as a juror. Pursuant to the Chickasaw Code the answer is as follows:

"SECTION 5-212.11 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS OF JURORS.

A. All members of the Chickasaw Nation and other citizens of the United States who are over eighteen years of age and have resided within the Chickasaw Nation Jurisdiction for a period of thirty (30) days, who are of sound mind and discretion and of good moral character are competent to act as jurors, except as herein provided.

B. The following persons are not qualified to serve as jurors:

1. Justices of the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation and the employees in their office;
2. Judges of the District Court and the employees in their office;
3. The Court Clerk and the employees in his office;
4. Law enforcement personnel and staff;
5. Licensed attorneys and advocates engaged in the practice of law and Peacemakers of the Peacemaking Court;



Filing fee resolution

On April 17, 2006, the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature voted to approve and adopt proposed amendments to the Nation's filing fees as stated in Permanent Resolution Number 23-003.

The amendment was proposed to help defray election expenses and candidate packet expenses which have risen over the past several years as the amount of tribal voters has almost doubled.

According to the resolution, the new filing fees for offices of the Nation shall be:

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Legislative Candidate: | \$ 500 |
| 2. Judicial Candidate: | \$ 500 |
| 3. Gubernatorial Candidate Team | \$1,500 |

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder says the amendment included much needed increases.

"The last filing fee increase took place 10 years ago in 1996," Loder stated. "In that time our voter count has risen to more than 20,000 voters. This amendment will help cover the added costs that come with each election."

The resolution was passed with a seven-to-three vote.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

6. Persons who have been convicted of any felony or crime involving moral turpitude, provided that when such conviction has been vacated, overturned upon appeal, or pardoned or when any such person has been fully restored to his civil rights by the jurisdiction wherein such conviction occurred, the person shall be eligible to serve as a juror; and

8. Chickasaw Nation elected or appointed officials.

C. Persons over seventy (70) years of age, ministers, practicing physicians, optometrists, dentists, public school teachers, federal employees, regularly organized full time fire department employees, and women with otherwise unattended minor children not in school may

be excused from jury service by the Court, in its discretion, upon request.

D. Any Chickasaw Nation citizen, employee or person residing within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Court may serve as a juror if they volunteer to do so in writing."

If you would like learn more about our Chickasaw Code log on to www.chickasaw.net and follow the links to view the Code. If you have questions about the Chickasaw Code you can write to the Supreme Court and we will assign someone to help answer your questions.

May you be blessed in your life and God Bless the Chickasaw Nation. Until next month, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Chickasaw people.

Chikashsha anompa

Money	ta'osso
Dime	sent pokko'li
Dollar	ta'osso chaffa
Nickel	sent talhlla'pi
Penney	sent chaffa
Quarter	bit toklo
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Eat (something)	apa
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Chickasaw Enterprises recognized for exceptional operation of Microtels

ATLANTA - With only two years in the hotel business under its belt, Chickasaw Enterprises has been named the 2006 Franchisee of the Year by the U.S. Franchise Systems, Inc. (USFS). The organization, which operates two Microtel hotels in Davis and Thackerville, was recognized nationally as a top hotel operator during April 3 award ceremonies in Atlanta.

In addition to the franchisee award, Chickasaw Enterprises also brought home a Quality Assurance Award which is granted only to those facilities that score above 90% in the mystery shopper evaluation and the operations audit.

"These awards confirm that we are meeting our goal of providing unmatched customer service and hospitality at these facilities," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is very gratifying to know that our people take such great pride in making our guests feel welcome and appreciated."

In a special category, Davis native Otis "Bo" Saunders received the Guest Services Hero Award. Mr. Saunders, the doorman and greeter at the Davis Microtel, is well-known among co-workers, guests and Davis-area residents for his excellent service and community involvement.

Thackerville front desk manager Kevin Kite was one of three finalists for the Guest Services Hero Award.

"We are so proud of our co-workers at our Microtels who have made our operations such a fantastic success," said David Littlefield, hotels, restaurants and entertainment facilities operations manager for Chickasaw Enterprises. "Everything we achieve is based on the efforts of the great people who serve our guests so well. Our Hospitality Personality has been the heartbeat of customer service for our properties and one of the contributing factors to the success of these hotels."



Davis Microtel Hotel at Treasure Valley.

Chickasaw Enterprises was chosen for the special awards from among 278 Microtel operations across the U.S. and the world. The Davis Microtel

opened in October 2004, and the Thackerville Microtel opened in May 2005.

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Hartman defeats Neasbitt in Pickens District runoff election

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has certified that Donna Hartman won the runoff election for Pickens District Seat 2 of the tribal legislature.

Hartman, of Overbrook, received 1,219 votes, for 60 percent of the total votes cast in her defeat of Ardmore resident

Randy Neasbitt.

Neasbitt tallied 819 votes.

Hartman and Neasbitt qualified for the runoff as the top two candidates in the special election. The seat became open upon the death of legislator Mitch Sperry of Ardmore.

In the special election, Hartman received 542 votes, or 24.4

percent, while Neasbitt received 435 votes, or 19.59 percent.

Hartman was sworn into office on April 18 in the conference room of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Building, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

Hartman will serve the remaining term of office, which expires September 2008.

For more information contact Ms. Rita Loder, election secretary at (580) 310-6475 or toll

free 1-888-661-0137.

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On April 18, Donna Hartman took the Oath of Office for the Chickasaw Nation Legislature Pickens District, Seat 2. Chickasaw Nation Chief Justice Mark Colbert administered the oath at a swearing-in ceremony at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada. Also pictured are Chickasaw Nation Justices Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred and Barbara Smith, and Ms. Hartman's father, Bill Liddell.

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Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

June 5-16, 2006

WHO: YOU!

WHAT: A two-week arts academy that provides training to Native Americans 10 through 19 years of age interested in music composition, visual, literary, vocal music or performing arts.

WHERE: On the campus of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

WHY: Learn from renowned artists, make professional connections, immerse yourself in your art form and let the experience inspire! The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy provides an opportunity for you to gain experience in the artistic fields of acting, writing, dance, music composition, visual art, vocal music and theatre performances.

HOW: Complete and return your application by Monday, May 22, 2006:

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Ada, Oklahoma 74820
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Chickasaw women honored at Dynamic Women Forum



Invited guests of the Third Annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation forum included, from left, Mrs. Johnna Walker, Mrs. Mary Jo Green, Mrs. Sandi Sanders, Mrs. Sophie Perry, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and Mrs. Vera Tims.

The Chickasaw Nation, along with East Central University (ECU) of Ada, recently hosted the third annual Dynamic Women of The Chickasaw Nation

forum on April 13.

The forum saluted the invaluable contributions, talents and skills of four dynamic Chickasaw women who serve the

Chickasaw people today. The public was invited to participate with the forum's hosts in a candid question-and-answer format on topics related to both the Chickasaw experience and the panelists' personal endeavors.

This year's event honored invited panelists Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislator and ECU Professor of Nursing; Chickasaw Nation Legislator Mary Jo Green; Cultural Preservationist Sophie Perry; and Chickasaw Nation Health Services Chief Operating Officer Sandi Sanders.

Also contributing to the evening were Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director Mrs. Johnna Walker, who served as the forum moderator, and Chickasaw Cultural Specialist and Language Instructor Mrs. Vera Tims, who offered the opening and closing prayers.

"The Chickasaw Nation has a long history of dynamic women," said Chickasaw Nation

Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Each year, this forum gives us the opportunity to highlight and celebrate some of these women and their contributions to our people."

The annual event is presented by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities program at ECU, in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

The Chickasaw Clemente humanities courses offer accredited classroom studies on Chickasaw history, culture, language and arts through ECU's department of history and political science. Students explore the rich and diverse culture of the Chickasaws through comparative studies with other Native American tribes as well as western humanities. ECU adjunct professor Dr. Michael Hughes instructs the class.

ECU history professor Dr. Tom Cowger, who serves as the director of the ECU Native

Studies Program, says the forum has grown rapidly in size and continues to evolve into a special event on campus.

"Chickasaw women have been and will continue to be at the forefront of significant contributions in every arena of society," Dr. Cowger stated. "We were privileged to share in the honoring of not only this year's participants, but of all Chickasaw women."

ECU's Native American Student Association also hosted a reception for the panelists and audience members following the forum.

For more information about the 2006 Dynamic Women of The Chickasaw Nation forum or future events, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 332-1092.

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Chikashsha Reunion June 22-25

Hundreds of Chickasaws and guests from across the country are expected to celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition at the Seventh Annual Chikashsha Reunion June 22-25 at Kullihoma Stomp Ground.

Chickasaw stickball players have been practicing for the stickball game 7 p.m. Saturday, which will be one of the featured events at this year's reunion.

Other Chickasaw games will also be featured, including Chunkey, the Chickasaw marble game, and others.

A traditional meal, including pashofa, fry bread, salt meat, grape dumplings and more will be served at noon Saturday. An evening meal will be served 6 p.m. Friday, and breakfast will be available Sunday morning.

There will also be a variety of demonstrations of Chickasaw culture, including storytelling, bow making, ballstick making, beadwork, language, flute making, finger weaving, basket weaving, beadwork and various other crafts.

"Chikashsha reunion is a wonderful time of fellowship, which helps remind Chickasaw people of the culture and heritage that

bind us together," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is a great opportunity for Chickasaws of all ages to learn more about their culture, language and heritage and to share that knowledge with others."

Men, women and children are encouraged to bring their own turtle for the Loksi races, which will begin 3 p.m. Saturday. There will be races for all ages.

Social dances will begin 8 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. Saturday.

A stomp dance will begin midnight Saturday.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Volunteers are still needed to help with various activities.

For information, or to volunteer call (580) 332-8685.

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Rabies clinics set for Chickasaw Nation towns

American Indian pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this spring.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Ada

Friday, May 5
Agri-Plex Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chickasha

Wednesday, May 10
Fellowship of American Indian Church
1217 W. Frisco
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Purcell

Thursday, May 18
Chickasaw Nation Purcell Area Office
1603 S. Green Avenue
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tishomingo

Thursday, June 1
Tishomingo Community Center
Across from CN Health Clinic



Dr. Gerald Parson of the Stratford Animal Hospital and Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative (CHR) Pam Aguilar administer a rabies vaccination to a Black Lab Mix named Newbe at a recent rabies clinic in Ada. The CHR program is hosting the free clinics across the Chickasaw Nation over the next several weeks.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Connerville

Thursday, June 8
Connerville Senior Site
Highway 99
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Madill

Thursday, June 15
Madill Senior Site
101 S. 5th Street
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Achille

Thursday, June 22
Achille School Gym
Highway 91

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enos

Thursday, June 29
Enos Fire Department
1355 Black Jack Road,
Kingston
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256, the Purcell Area Office at (405) 527-6667 or the Tishomingo Area Office at (580) 371-9512.

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Stops in Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama

Homelands tour features visit to many culturally significant sites



Daniel F. Littlefield speaks to members of the homelands tour group about Chickasaw removal near the point where the ferry brought tribes across the Arkansas River. From left are Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Pat Cox, Gina Brown and Leta Burwell. Behind the group, Laura Morrison prepares to take a photo of the ferry landing.

Following is the first in a series of articles compiled during a recent tour of the Chickasaw Homelands, which included stops in Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama.

Designed to provide a greater appreciation for the culture and history of Chickasaw people, the tour included visits to sites along the removal trail, ancient village sites and museums.

Other important aspects of the tour included extensive reading material, video presentations and language instruction provided by the Division of Heritage Preservation and Chickasaw Cultural Center staff.

Removal on Chickasaw Terms

A Turkish submarine is moored halfway between two bridges. A steamboat is moored

behind that, and a dump truck is unloading rocks on the bank of what seems to be a very ordinary spot on the banks of the Arkansas River.

Then Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr., Director of the American Native Press Archive of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, begins to explain the significance of the location during Chickasaw Removal.

"We're standing right on the spot where people would have congregated, where they would have camped," said Dr. Littlefield. "We know that there were lots of Chickasaw camps in here during removal, because any of them that came in on the overland trail always stayed here, because it was one of the supply stations, depots, here for subsistence for people, for horses, for oxen, and so on."

As he continues, one can almost envision the crowds of people, the smoke curling up from campfires, the herds of cattle and horses munching on hay and feed as they rest up to continue the trek to Indian territory.

"There was nothing here then, just farms on this side of the road. All of this would have been camping area close to the

river," said Dr. Littlefield. "And this is true for all the tribes, not just the Chickasaws. This is one of the most historic sites in all the history of the removal trail."

While all the tribes came through the area, the Chickasaws were unique in many ways.

"Chickasaws were different than other tribes. They did not sell off their property. In fact, they bought property before they left, and they brought it with them to the west, said Dr. Littlefield.

"We found that Chickasaws brought over 7,000 horses. And we found the ferry receipts for one herd that had over 4,000 animals in it. So there was a huge amount of overland traffic in livestock and people during Chickasaw removal."

Unlike most tribes, most Chickasaws rode horses or wagons on their journey. Many of the horses who did not carry riders carried huge loads of personal possessions.

Wagons were also loaded with possessions, including furniture, clothing and other goods Chickasaws knew they would need once they arrived at their destination.

Although federal officials advised that individuals should carry no more than 30 pounds each on their journey, records indicate that Chickasaws took about 450 pounds each.

Another difference was that Chickasaws not only paid for their own removal, they refused to follow much advice offered by U.S. government officials.

"The Chickasaws refused to have a government agent as a removal agent, because they were

afraid of the kind of thing that they had seen with the Creeks and the Choctaws that came through Chickasaw territory in Mississippi before they left. They witnessed both of those removals before they left.

"We're finding that the Chickasaws were the most independent of the tribes at removal," said Dr. Littlefield. "They set the terms of removal and they decided which route they would take. In fact, some of the stories about their opposition to federal advice took place right here."

Federal officials advised Chickasaws to follow the Arkansas River so they could avoid the swamps in East Arkansas.

"The reason the Chickasaws weren't concerned about the swamps, was because they had been through them so many times," said Dr. Littlefield. "That was old traveling routes and hunting grounds. They had been on this side of the river for centuries.

"They knew exactly where they were going. They knew where the high grounds were. It was a tough route to travel, but it was something they knew how to do."

Other unique features of Chickasaw removal include the fact that most Chickasaws were vaccinated against the Smallpox virus, which cut down dramatically on the mortality rate.

Editor's note: Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr., Amanda L. Paige and Fuller L. Bumpers are coauthoring a book on Chickasaw removal which is nearing completion.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Reservations now being accepted for Hall of Fame induction ceremony

Reservations are being accepted for the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The event is 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 11 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, Ada.

Oklahoma Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame as is his late mother, Helen Cole, and his aunt, Te Ata Fisher.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

"We are planning an event which will demonstrate our respect and admiration for the accomplishments of our very distinguished honorees," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Final selection of honorees is under way and an announcement of honorees is expected in May.

Reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 500 guests. The deadline to RSVP is July 28, 2006, by 5 p.m.

Live music and a banquet-style meal are planned.

Dress for the event is coat and tie.

To make reservations, con-

tact:

Leta Burwell
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P.O. Box 1548
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'Native and American' video available

A video produced by the Chickasaw Nation multimedia department entitled "Native and American" made quite an impression on many of those who attended the recent listening conference in Oklahoma City.

The video presents an emotion-packed presentation of a Native American husband and father serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Copies of the video are now available free of charge from the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia

Department.

For a copy, contact Shannon Stewart at (580) 332-1416.
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Members of the homelands tour group walk along the Arkansas River where Chickasaws camped during removal.

Birthdays



Sarah Miller

Chloe Ella Grace Miller celebrated her second birthday March 8, 2006 at the Lazer Zone with family and friends. The theme of the party was Princess. Chloe is so loved she is my angel from God.

She is the daughter of Marsha Miller and the granddaughter of Faye Miller and the late Jimmy Miller.

Sarah Miller celebrated her 16th birthday at Wintersmith Lodge, March 23, 2006 with family and friends.

She is the daughter of Mike and Mona Miller. She is the granddaughter of Faye and the late Jimmy Miller.



Chloe Miller

Shannon White Cloud Sampson celebrated her 18th birthday, March 31, 2006 at her parents home in Oklahoma City. Attending the celebration were her family, uncle, aunts, cousin and friends.

She is the daughter of Melissa Cottrell and Omar Perez.

She is the granddaughter of Joe and Loretta Easley, Oklahoma City. She is the great-granddaughter of Cora Whitson of Ardmore, Okla.

Happy birthday and we all love you very much!



Shannon Sampson

Ardmore Head Start Star Students for April



Laura Gonzalez

Chickasaw Nation Head Start, Ardmore, Classroom #3, presents its Star Students of the Month for April. They are Laura Gonzalez, Maggie Robinson, and Rodney Doss.

Laura is the four-year-old



Maggie Robinson

daughter of Alejandra Gonzalez and Jose Gomez. Laura's favorite color is black. When she grows up, Laura wants to be a Barbie.

Maggie is the four-year-old granddaughter of Pat Robinson. Maggie's favorite



Micah Owens

Aimee Dawn Owens of Norman, Okla., announces the birth of her first child, Micah Michelle Owens.

Micah was born at 3:59p.m., April 13, 2006 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City.

She weighed 7lbs. and measured 19 inches.

Her maternal grandparents are Virgil Kieth and Lori Gail (Carter) Owens of Norman, Okla. She is the maternal great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Virgil Owens and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Bina (Underwood) Owens both were from Oklahoma.

Her great-grandparents are Hagen Eugene and Sarah Norma Joan (Lewis) Owens, the late Virgil Lee Carter and Carol Ann (VanPool) Carter Summers and the late Charles Summers all of Oklahoma.

Her aunts and uncles are



Rodney Doss

color is purple. When Maggie grows up she wants to be a Mom

Rodney is the four-year-old son of Jessica Priest. Rodney's favorite color is blue. When he grows up, Rodney wants to be a Daddy.

Births

Amber Michelle (Owens) and Shannon Lynn of Mustang, Okla., and Virgil Kieth Owens II of Norman, Okla.

She is the cousin of Dusten Lynn of Mustang.

Her great aunts and uncles are Becky and Frank Galindo, Smitty Eugene (Booty) and Sherry Owens, Leslie Carter, Virgil Lee and Kathy Carter II all of Oklahoma City. Debby Owens, Brent and Janice Owens of Moore, Okla., Justin (Kimbo) and Brenda Owens of Blanchard, Okla.

Her second cousins are Eric and Rachel Owens, Joey and Lanaye Owens, Josh and Ashley Owens of Moore Okla. Kimberlea (Owens) and Brian Edwards, Justin Owens, Stephanie Owens and Rachelle Owens of Oklahoma City, Jesse and Josie Boring of Florida, Mandi Boring of Blanchard, Virgil Lee Carter III, William Carter, Stephanie Irwin of Edmond, Okla.

Her third cousins are Bryce Michael Edwards of Oklahoma City, Kadynce Joan Owens, Hagen Gene Owens and Tawnie Raye Galindo all of Moore.

Her great-great grandparents are the late Viola Kennedy, the late Oscar and Blanch (Day) Lewis of Ada, Okla., and the late

Clarence and Nema Carter and the late Carl and May VanPool all of Oklahoma City.



O-Da'y Humpy

O-Da'y Humpy was born 7:38 p.m. on April 3, 2006 weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz.

Parents are Kaycie Rattan and William Humpy, both of Shawnee, Okla.

Grandparents are Monty Sampson of Ada, Okla., Kerri Thomas of Harrah, Okla., Sandra Roette, of Shawnee, and the late Billy Humpy.

Great-grandparents are Arleen Rattan of Meeker, Okla., and Joe and Loretta Easley of Oklahoma City. Great-great-grandparents are Cora Whitson of Ardmore, Okla.



2006 CNHS Diabetes Camp

Who can attend: Diabetic patients of the Chickasaw Nation Health System

When: June 20 - 23, 2006

Where: Davis Microtel Inn & Suites

Registration Deadline: May 5, 2006

- There is no cost, camp is free
- You may bring a guest
- All campers must be over 12 years of age
- All campers are expected to participate in educational and physical activities
- All campers must get the medical release signed by their medical provider

For more information contact the Diabetes Care Center, (580) 421-4532 or 1-800-851-9136 ext. 82260.



Language Fair focus on children, future of Native language



The Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start students pose in front of the yunush (bison) display at Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, host site of the Fourth Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. The group placed third in the group spoken language category in their age division.

Chickasaw Students brought home a total of eight awards from the Fourth Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth

Language Fair.

More than 700 students participated in the event, titled "Speak in Beauty," which was con-

ducted March 23 and 24 at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla.

"It is very gratifying to see these students take pride in their heritage and language by participating in this event," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "These young people are setting a great example by helping preserve our language and culture for generations to come."

Amanda Shackelford, a Chickasaw student from Lexington, won first place in the language advocacy essay competition. The essay competition focuses on the importance of Native American languages. She also competed in the group spoken language division with Chickasaw student, Joel Hamdy, from Dibble.

Dale Shackelford won first place in the preschool through second grade individual spoken language category.

Skye and Brooke Shackelford won first place in the sixth through eighth grade group spoken language division. The twin sisters also won first and second place, respectively, in the sixth through eighth grade book making category.



As part of their home-school curriculum, the Shackelford family has learned the Chickasaw language and competes in the Native American Youth Language Fair each year. This year, the siblings collected six first place awards. The family includes: (front row) Brooke and Skye, seventh grade; (middle row) Katy, fourth grade, and Dale, first grade; (back row) Amanda, tenth grade.

Katy Shackelford won first place in the third through fifth grade individual spoken language division. She also won first place in the book making category in her age division.

Keith Shackelford, Chickasaw, and his wife Mary have been teaching their children the Chickasaw language as part of their home-school curriculum.

Students from the Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start program placed third in the preschool through second grade spoken language category for their presentation which included a greeting, counting, naming animals and colors.

Students left the stage with "cha pisa la cho," a Chickasaw phrase which means "see you

later."

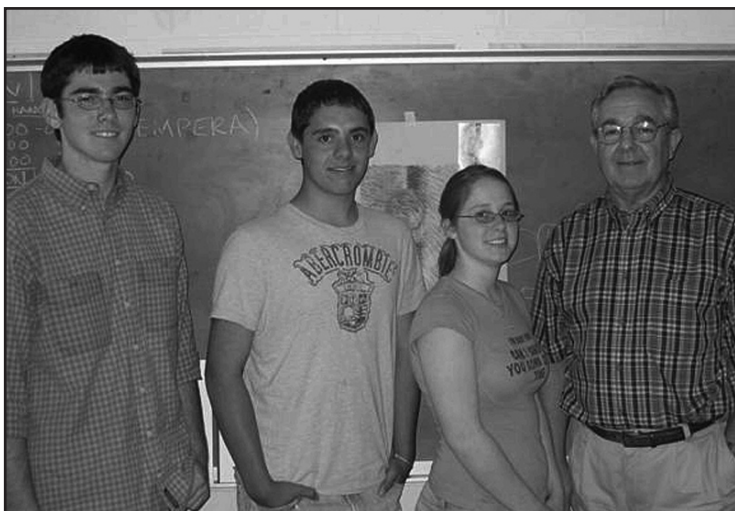
As many as 18 Native Languages were represented at the event, including the Mohawk language from a Canadian First Nation.

This is the second year the Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start class has competed, and the third year for the Chickasaw group from Lexington.

"This is a fun day for all the kids," says Mary Linn, curator of Native American Languages at SNOMNH, "They really get confident when they hear the other kids cheering for them. It's a great atmosphere of sharing and support."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Student artists



Three Native American students from Sulphur (OK) High School recently competed in the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Student Art Show in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Cale Freeman, left, Choctaw, entered a graphite and ink piece entitled "Big Feather." Brad Woods, center, Chickasaw, placed third with his acrylic painting entitled "Mountain House;" and Elizabeth Meador, Choctaw, placed second with her India ink piece entitled "A Warm Spot." Also pictured is Sulphur High School Art Instructor Paul Walsh.

Elders Day

The first Elders Day of 2006 hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department is May 5, at Kullihoma, beginning at 10 a.m.

Kullihoma is located 7 miles northeast of Ada, Okla., on Hwy. 1, then 3 miles east and 1 mile south.

For more information contact cultural resources at (580) 332-8685.



Chickasaw marine deployed to Iraq



Cody Hill

Chickasaw Marine Cody Hill is currently deployed in Iraq as a TOW gunner in a

Marine TOW missile unit. Hill joined the Marine Corps in March 2004, and has completed Basic and Advanced Training as well as an Arabic Language course.

Hill is the son of Carlyle Hill, currently the chairman of the board for the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Estelle Clark Hill, and fourth generation descendent of Cyrus Harris.

Hill graduated Ada (OK) High School in May 2001 and attended Eastern State Junior College at Wilburton on a rodeo scholarship.

He attended East Central University in Ada.

Chickasaw student National Merit finalist

Matthew Cox, a Chickasaw and senior at Duncan (OK) High School, has been named a National Merit finalist.

The son of Tim and Traci Cox, he is the senior class president and maintains a 4.0 GPA. His grandmother is Leta Savage.

More than 1.3 million juniors in nearly 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2006 National Merit Program by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program

entrants.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout the high school years, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores

that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance.

The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application that includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 semifinalists have advanced to the finalist level. It is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen.

Madill student is Horatio Alger Scholar



RhaShonda Keehn

Alger Association. "We are thrilled and honored that Oprah Winfrey and so many other admirable Americans were there to recognize the accomplishments of these bright 2006 National Scholars."

The Members Luncheon, held at the U.S. Department of State, Friday, April 7 featured remarks by Winfrey. Following her remarks, Ms. Winfrey greeted and took photographs with each of the National Scholars for 2006, a highlight for many of the scholarship recipients.

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans continues to fulfill its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals in society who have succeeded in spite of adversity.

sity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education. The Association also provides its scholarship recipients with financial aid counseling, and internship and job placement assistance.

The Horatio Alger Association is a non-profit educational association which, since 1984, has provided more than \$45 million in scholarships to more than 8,000 students. In 2006 alone, the Association has provided nearly \$8.5 million in need-based college scholarships to young people who have proven their ability to overcome adversities and humble beginnings. For additional information about the Horatio Alger Association, visit www.horatioalger.org

Chickasaw poet tabbed for First Book Award



Rebecca Travis

Rebecca Hatcher Travis, Chickasaw, of Friendswood, Texas, is the winner of the 2006 First Book Award competition in poetry from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas. Ms. Travis won

the award for her book-length manuscript, "Picked Apart the Bones," a collection of poems which draws strongly from her Chickasaw heritage and from Chickasaw history. A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Ms. Travis grew up in Midwest City, Okla., and Houston, Texas. She attended South Texas Junior College and San Jacinto Community College. Her published work has appeared in several journals and anthologies, most notably Galaxy Literary Journal (Volumes I, II, III), Edgar Literary Magazine, The Chickasaw Times, and the anthology, That Thing You Do.

JOM Students of the Year selected



Governor Anoatubby with Ada JOM Students of the Year. From left, third grade students Stormy Yargee and Mikayla Hook, fourth grade students Alexis Walker and Camron Large.

Alexis Olivia Walker was selected as the Ada (OK) City Schools female JOM Student of the Year for the fourth grade.

She is nine years old and attends Washington Elementary School. She is a member of the Washington Honor Choir and the Governor's Honor Club. She is also involved in dance at Central

Oklahoma Dance Center and softball.

Alexis is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker.

Her grandparents are JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis, and Bob and Sally Graham.

Her great-grandmothers are Myrtle Brown, Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton

The 59th Annual Horatio Alger Awards & Induction Ceremony honored 106 of the nation's top academic scholars in Washington, D.C., April 6-8, 2006. The theme of the events was "Live the American Dream: Freedom, Education and opportunity."

RhaShonda J. Keehn, a Chickasaw and a student at Madill High School, received a \$10,000 Horatio Alger Scholarship for college and a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Scholars Conference.

Keehn and the other recipients were chosen from a pool of more than 43,000 applicants, and who displayed extreme financial need, while overcoming adversity in their lives. For example, more than 40 percent of this year's applicants had either been in foster care at some point in their life or currently are in the foster care system.

"Horatio Alger Scholars have faced challenges and realize that a college education is the avenue to a better future," said Walter Scott, Jr., chairman, Horatio



Chickasaw girl awaits liver transplant; contributions sought



ASHLEY RUSSELL

Ashley Russell is a 16 year old awaiting a liver transplant.

When Ashley was six months old she was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. A defective gene causes the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections. These thick secretions also obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food.

The mucus also can block the bile duct in the liver, eventually causing permanent liver damage in approximately six percent of people with CF. Unfortunately, Ashley falls in this six percent and her liver has developed CF related cirrhosis. However, her lungs are strong and are a very

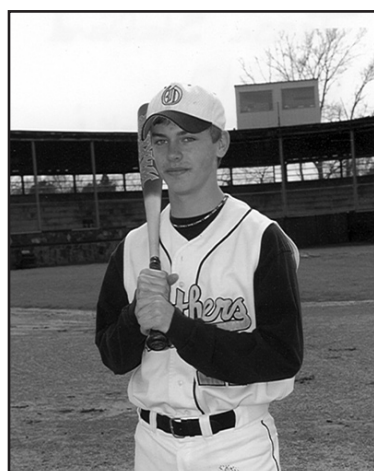
positive factor in this whole process. It has taken a year to actually get Ashley on the list for transplant. She is confident that this opportunity will greatly enhance her quality of life and ability to maintain the energy and health needed for her to have a bright, positive future.

The road has not been an easy one for Ashley. She has had to take medicines every day of her life and has been hospitalized numerous times. However, she has always taken this in stride and has the ability to enjoy life, smile and be happy most of the time. Despite her illness, she has become strong in mind and body and has developed the determination that she will need in the upcoming months. The determination that she has ensures her the ability to live life to the fullest and make the most of each and every day that she has been given.

Ashley has lived in Ada, Okla., all of her life and has attended Ada, Byng, Latta, and Vanoss schools and attends Calvary Pentecostal Church. She enjoys art, music, camping, shopping, being with friends and playing on the computer. Her parents are Shawnda Russell and Jimmy Russell of Ada. She is the granddaughter of Buck and Nadine Owens of Ada, Jane Russell of Houma, La., and Jack and Pat Russell, of Konawa, Okla.

The Ashley Russell Transplant Fund has been set up at Citizens Bank, PO Box 1468, Ada, OK 74821. Your contribution to this worthwhile cause is tax deductible.

Chickasaw student to Boys State



Jesse Stafford

Jesse Stafford, a student of Okemah (OK) High School, has been chosen as a Boys State delegate.

Jesse is the son of Mark and Rebecca Daggs. He is the grandson of Danna and Everett Stafford, of Wetumka, Okla., and Bobby and Shirley Bean of Paden, Okla.

Jesse enjoys sports (football and baseball), hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

Jesse's Dad and Mom are very proud of him.

Chickasaw soldier says 'thanks' for care package

This letter was recently received by Gov. Anoatubby's office. It is a thank you from a Chickasaw soldier.

Dear Governor Anoatubby,
I am writing to say thank you to the Chickasaw Nation, in particular you and the children who wrote me. I know many people contributed their time and effort to put together the care package the Chickasaws sent me and I wanted them to know how much I appreciate it.

The care package was great, exactly what a Soldier, Marine, Sailor or Airman may need, not only in handy items, but also the notes from the children. Their pictures, messages, and photos seem simple, but to men and women deployed, they lift spirits, as I think children always do. Please give my specific thanks to the classes that sent notes and

pictures.

I also wanted to thank you for the comic books about the history of the Chickasaw Nation. I found them very interesting and I know they will entertain and educate my children about their heritage.

Again, thank you for thinking

of the Chickasaws fighting for their nation and their people. If there is anything I can help or provide, do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Very respectfully,
Matthew P. Neumeyer
Captain, Infantry
United States Army

Family in military? Let us know!

Over the past several months, the Chickasaw Nation has distributed dozens of military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residence. The military care package distribution list is compiled of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees or children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residence. If you know of men/women who fit the criteria above and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact rebecca.chandler@chickasaw.net or call 580-310-6451. Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops.

NE Mississippi Heritage Gathering June 9-10

The 3rd Annual NE Mississippi Heritage Gathering will be at the Lift, Inc. building June 9-10. The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce is once more a gold sponsor of this opportunity to learn about your family lineage from its earliest beginnings. Veteran researchers will spend a great deal of their workshop meeting in family name groups to pursue their research. (A copy machine will be available.)

Those who would like to learn how to do genealogy research will have instruction in techniques and will be able to do guided research on their family while learning. Cost is \$25/day, with a \$5 savings/day if registration is received by May 15. This year's Gathering is the first of a 3-year cycle and will pay particular attention to the Chickasaw tribe in Mississippi. Tim Harjo and Glenda Ayakatubby Galvan from Ada, Oklahoma will be featured throughout the 2-day meeting. Other featured speakers include Archeologist Jay K. Johnson from Ole Miss, Aberdeen historian Patsy Pace, author Glen Shows from Jackson and regional authority Verna Mae Carroll. Local historian and researcher Jerry Harlow, and family researchers from Monroe County, Annie Ruth White and

Jimmy Dale Boozer, and Mississippi State Archaeologist Jack Elliott will lead family name groups. Beth Freshour, retired Director of the Macon library, and Ben Peterson, Director of Lowndes Library, as well as veteran quilter Kathy Seymour of Aberdeen will bring insights into organizing your findings and preserving paper, leather and fabric family treasures. A lagniappe feature this year will be Kathy's workshop on making family picture quilts. How to evaluate the authenticity of findings, and genealogy research in the future will be two concluding talks. For the first time, this year the Heritage Gathering will be a family event, and a full slate is planned for children 6-12. The children will learn how to begin doing family research with a workbook called "My Family Interview Album". They will have an opportunity to learn about archeology with a mock dig containing Chickasaw and Cherokee pottery and beads. Small animal skeletons are being sought to include and the children will learn how to assemble both the pots and the skeletons. There will be Indian stories, games and crafts and a show-and-tell time. The banquet on Friday night

will include a mini-concert of Chickasaw flute music by Tim Harjo, followed by his "Tales Around the Campfire." The banquet at Shelaine Restaurant will be open to anyone, whether or not they participate in the workshop. Advance tickets (\$15) will be required. The 2007 Gathering will target the area's European background and the Pioneer Era, together with an extensive workshop in writing your family genealogy. The launching of a new book by the Mississippi Humanities Council on the ethnic heritage of the area is planned for the 2007 Gathering, and 2008 will deal with that ethnic heritage. Additionally the 2008 Gathering will have a workshop on publishing your genealogy. For further information and registration form, call or write The Copy Shop of Aberdeen / Out of the Box Scrapbooking located at 115-B East Commerce Street, Aberdeen, MS 39730, (662) 369-4428, or visit the web site at www.NEMississippiHeritageGathering.us or <http://www.NEMississippiHeritageGathering.us>, then join us as we welcome visitors to our area from as far away (so far) as New Jersey!

CHRs teach Head Start students about the dangers of household poisons

Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives Pamela Aguilar and Cheryl Willis recently taught students at the tribal Head Start program in Ada how to avoid accidental poisoning.

Using everyday items from sports drinks and windshield cleaner to marshmallows and moth balls, the pair explained how things that looked good

may be poisonous.

As Aguilar and Willis held up items that looked similar, the students often pointed to the poisonous substance as something that looked like it would be good to eat or drink.

After pointing out that a sports drink may be the same color as windshield cleaner, or pine cleaner may look like apple juice, they told students they

should always ask a parent or adult before eating or drinking anything.

“Mothballs look a lot like

To Prevent Accidental Poisoning

- Keep products in their original containers. Don't put chemicals in containers that are used for eating or drinking.

- Never store food with cleaning products, pesticides or medicines.

- Use child locks on cabinets (in the garage and basement, too).

- Put poisons (toxic products, cleaning supplies, pesticides, medicine) in a locked cabinet - out of your child's sight and reach.

- Properly and quickly dispose of products from do-it-yourself projects including paint removers, gasoline and antifreeze.

- Put poisons away after using them. If you are using a household product when the phone/door rings, take the product with you.

marshmallows to these kids and the label on this liquid potpourri is very similar to the label on the fruit drink,” said Aguilar after the presentation. “For these kids who aren't able to read, it would be very easy to make a serious mistake.”

Students also received information to take home to instruct parents on what to do in case an accidental poisoning does

occur.

Poison prevention education provided by the CHRs was based on training provided by the Oklahoma Poison Control Center.

Below are some additional tips from the Oklahoma Poison Control Center

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

If an accidental poisoning occurs

- Call the Poison Control Center right away! (In Oklahoma the number is 1-800-222-1222).

- Be aware that some product labels have outdated or incorrect information for how to treat poisonings. Home remedies don't work either.

- Look for signs to identify the poison: spills, odors, stains, changes in behavior, empty containers. Bring the bottle or container to the phone with you.

- Look in the mouth for tablets, powder, discoloration, cuts, burns, or odors. Rinse out and wipe a child's mouth.

- Keep the poisoned child within sight. You will be asked some questions about how the child looks or how he/she is acting. Be prepared to know the child's age, weight, what they swallowed, when, and how much.

- Follow the advice from the Poison Control Center!

For additional information, visit the Oklahoma Poison Control Center Web site - www.oklahomapoison.org



Pamela Aguilar, right, and Cheryl Willis present a poison prevention program for students at the Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start classroom. Front row from top are Zac Carroll, Connor Chiles, Madilyn Sawyer, Chloe Anoatubby and Cheyenne Adair. Back row from top are Jayme Poulin and Riley McCage.

Head Start Centers celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg hunt



Ada-area seniors find activity, fellowship at senior site



Carol Stout, Ginger Paulk and J.L. Green enjoy a game of bingo before having lunch at the Ada Senior Site.

There is never a shortage of things to do at the Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Site, and never a shortage of people to do them.

There are very few calendar days that are not filled with one of the many activities that seniors can take part in at the Ada center. Line dancing, bingo, exercise classes, taco sales, day trips, computer classes and crafts just to name a few.

The variety of activities is

just one of the reasons so many members enjoy their time at the site.

Virginia Bowers has been a site member for 10 years and currently volunteers during the daily lunch program.

"Coming here gets me out of the house and gets me going," Ms. Bowers stated. "The day goes much faster when I can be here and have things to do."

Beulah Shavney has been attending regularly since 2002

when she moved into the Ada area. In the past year she began taking computer classes offered at the center and says she enjoys using the site's computer lab.

"I like to email my family and keep in touch with relatives that I didn't get to talk to much before," Ms. Shavney said. "I especially like getting email from my grandchildren."

But more than playing cards or dominoes, taking classes or eating lunch, it's the variety of people that makes this senior site so special.

Carole Davis, who began visiting the site five years ago, says she likes the food and keeping busy, but says she loves the company.

"I really enjoy the fellowship," she stated. "When we started coming here, my husband knew a lot of people but I didn't really know anyone. Now I have a lot of friends that I see here."

Site member Irene Allen agreed saying, "I love the people. They are all just like my family."

Someone once said that variety is the spice of life. If that is true, the Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Site knows how to spice things up and keep seniors coming back for more.

"I can't imagine not coming here," Ms. Shavney stated. "Life would be so lonesome if I didn't."

Many of the seniors feel the same way. That's why, even though there may be no empty spaces on the calendar, there is always an empty chair for the next senior who wants to come be a part of this colorful family.



Ada Area Community Health Representative (CHR) Pam Aguilar checks Calvin Parnacher's blood pressure as Sim Greenwood waits his turn. The CHR programs visits the senior sights periodically to help site members maintain a healthy lifestyle.



Henry Patrick, Merle Gregory, Doy Battles and Henry Allen visit with each other during a game of cards. Many of the seniors get together for cards and dominoes at the Ada Senior Site.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Ruthie Ellis, Margaret Melville, Beulah Shavney, Mildred Green and Carol Stout take part in a DynaBand exercise class while Buck Owens watches the action.

Services At Large meetings scheduled

Invitations are being mailed for several Services At Large meetings to be conducted in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California.

These meetings are planned to discuss the options for services for Chickasaw citizens living at large.

Options are those which were identified and prioritized by citizens who attended the Listening Conference in February.

Programs and services staff will be available at informa-

tion booths to provide details on tribal programs and services.

Voter registration and citizenship applications will also be available.

Refreshments will be served, and a variety of commemorative items will be available for purchase.

New Mexico

Monday, May 15 –

Albuquerque

Arizona

Wednesday, May 17 –

Phoenix, Arizona

Thursday, May 18 –

Tucson, Arizona

Oklahoma

Tuesday, June 6 –

McAlester, Oklahoma

Colorado

Tuesday, May 30 –

Denver, Colorado

California

Monday, June 12 –

Sacramento, California

Tuesday, June 13 –

San Francisco

Thursday, June 15 –

Los Angeles, California

Friday, June 16 –

San Diego, California

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election Filing Period

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announces filing period opens June 5 and continues through June 9, 2006 for the 2006 General Elections. Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Miko Building behind the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, Arlington at Mississippi. Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Seats to be filled are Legislative Seat 1 and Seat 2 of Pontotoc District; Seat 1 and Seat 4 of Pickens District; and Seat 1 in the Tishomingo District. Seat 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for this year's election.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and

of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election; must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office and must be at least 25 years of age. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are \$500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation; resident of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year preceding the election; must remain a resident during tenure of office; and must be at least 30 years of age. Three-year term of office. Filing fees are \$500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a

financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period.

Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for the Chickasaw Times, and watcher form. Candidates must not been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is August 22 and run-off election is September 19, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

Breastfeeding Educator Seminar May 10

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department is hosting a three-day Certified Breastfeeding Educator Seminar at the Chickasaw Youth and Family Services Media Conference Room in Ada on Wednesday, May 10 through Friday, May 12, 2006.

The course is open to all health professionals and students. The cost is \$100 plus an optional \$25 breastfeeding educator certification fee. However,

fees are waived for any health professional working within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries and all students.

The seminar will be conducted by the program's originator, Debi Bocar, RN, PhD, IBCLC, who is a nationally recognized and clinically experienced lactation consultant.

She will provide theoretical background and describe clinical applications that will help individuals assist families in

optimizing their breastfeeding experiences. Completing this seminar entitles use of the designation Certified Breastfeeding Educator.

For more information, please contact Melanie Todd at (800) 851-9138 ext 81605 or (580) 421-6236.



Applications now accepted for Tulsa Pow Wow Princess

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Tulsa Pow Wow Princess.

For application and/or more information access the web site at www.tulsapow-wow.org or call Kathy Bean at (918) 663-0870.

Deadline is May 5, 2006.

Qualifications for applicants are:

- 15-21 Years of age
- Must be a member of a federally recognize Tribe(s)
- Good Student
- Single with no Children
- Cultural participation with her own tribe(s)
- Be a good ambassador/representative for her reign as Tulsa Pow Wow Princess
- Possess the ability to speak in public

Tribal rep in Chickasha May 15

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on May 15 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other

programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2006 SCHEDULE

June 5 – 9 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Election Secretary's Office)

June 13 Challenge to Candidacy filing period ends

June 14 10:00 a.m. Drawing for position on ballot (drawing will be done at the Election Secretary's Office) & candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & cd.

June 16 Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times". Press release for candidates (news/media)

July 17 Voter Registration closes

July 18 After 12 p.m. Candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & diskettes.

July 21 Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 16 Last day to appoint watcher.

August 22 2006 Chickasaw Primary Election
Last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Ballot tabulation begin. Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public

August 22 Voter registration re-opens (if no run-off election)

August 25 Recount period ends.

October 2 1:30 p.m. Oath of Office Ceremony (Oct. 1 falls on Sun.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL RUN-OFF ELECTION 2006 SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 28 Candidates may pick up print-out, cd/labels

August 28 Ballots mailed to all qualified voters for run-off election district(s)

September 13 Last day to appoint a watcher Run-Off Election

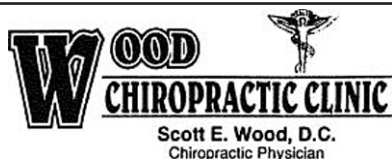
September 19 2006 Chickasaw Tribal Run-Off Election
Last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Ballot tabulation begins. Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public

September 19 Voter registration re-opens

September 22 Recounts period ends.

October 2 1:30 p.m. Oath of Office Ceremony (Oct. 1 falls on Sun.)

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Rita Loder

Ms. Rita Loder was appointed Election Secretary/Tribal registrar in October 2002. Rita has held various positions, while being employed by the Chickasaw Nation for the past 18 years including Election Secretary beginning in 1988. She is 1/2 Chickasaw and 5/16 Seminole. She resides in Ardmore, Okla. with her husband Doug. Rita has two sons, Bo Ellis, Jonathan Walters and three grandchildren, Melissa, Levi and Jaydon, a step-daughter, Melanie Petty and her son Ethan Douglas. Rita is member of the Morris Memorial Baptist Church. She is the granddaughter of full blood Chickasaw original enrollee Lucy (Perry) Nelson.



Monica Fulsom

Monica Fulsom serves as Administrative Assistant for the Election Office. She is 29 years old and is 13/32 Chickasaw. She resides in Ada, Okla., and has for the past 13 years. She has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation for eight years. She is a graduate of Byng High School and served as 1993-94 Chickasaw Princess.



Melissa Walker

Ms. Melissa Walker was employed as Registration Clerk in November 2005. She is 7/16 Chickasaw and 3/8 Mississippi Choctaw. She resides in Allen, Okla., with her three children, Sunzie M. Harrison, Taylor E. Harrison, and Quinton K. Walker. She is the daughter of Virgil and Ramona (Gibson) Walker and the granddaughter of full blood original enrollees Pauline (Alexander) Walker and the Late Simon Walker and the great-granddaughter of late Vicy Walker. Melissa has one sister Michele F. (Walker) Davis of Ada, Okla. Melissa attended Allen Public School for 13 years and graduated in 2000. Melissa also attended Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla., for 3 years.



Barbara Goodman

Barbara Goodman was born and raised in Ada, Okla. Her grandparents are Minnie Stick and Sampson Sealy, both full blood Chickasaws. She has two children, Kyle Goodman of Ada, and Leslie Goodman, of Anchorage, Alaska. She has one granddaughter, Mikayla Goodman of Anchorage. Barbara has been with the Chickasaw Nation since November 7, 2005



Catherine Wood

Mrs. Catherine Wood represents the Tishomingo District. Catherine is 3/4 Chickasaw, the granddaughter of original enrollee Cicen Perry Nelson. Catherine attended school in Ada, Byng and Chilocco. Mrs. Wood was married to the late Cecil Wood, has two daughters, one son and now has eight grandchildren. Mrs. Wood is engaged with Connerville Senior Site activities and also serves on Chickasaw Elder Council Board. She resides in Connerville and is a member of Connerville Baptist Church. She enjoys traveling with Chickasaw Senior Citizens on their trips.



Mark Riesen

Mr. Mark Riesen represents the Pickens District. Mark is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science-Finance in 1983 and Oklahoma City University in 1986 with a Masters Degree-Business Administration. Mark is currently employed with Edward Jones Investments, Ardmore, Okla., as an Investment Representative. Mark is

1/128 Chickasaw, he resides in Ardmore with his wife of 18 years, Martha, and their two sons, Andrew and Blake. He and his family attend St. Phillip Episcopal Church. Mark is the great-grandson of original enrollee Dorris Overton Coffey.



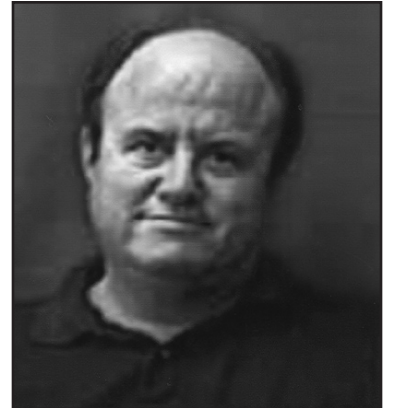
Pauline Brown

Ms. Pauline Brown presents the Pontotoc District, and resides in Harden City, Okla. Pauline is 1/2 Chickasaw and 3/8 Choctaw. Pauline is the daughter of original enrollee Murtle Gipsen. She is a retired LPN from the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic, Tishomingo, Okla. Ms. Brown is a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language. She has one son and three daughters, and seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter. Ms. Brown also serves on the Cultural Historical Society Board, the Elders Council Board and the Chickasaw Language Committee. Ms. Brown is a member of Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church.



Billie Easterling

Mrs. Billie Easterling was appointed for the at-large seat on the Election Commission July 2005. Billie is 1/2 Chickasaw, the daughter of original enrollee Thompson Frazier. Billie attended school at Mill Creek High School, Mill Creek, Okla. Ms. Easterling was married to Gene Easterling for 56 years before his passing in 2002. She has a son, Reginald, and a daughter, Rebecca, and three grandchildren. She has resided in Johnston County all of her life. Billie served as a Chickasaw Election Commissioner in the past from 1988 to 1991. Ms. Easterling enjoys gardening and shopping for unique items for her home.

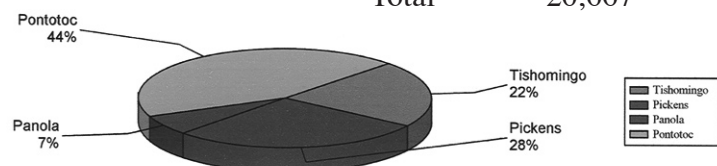


J.D. Malaney

Mr. J.D. Malaney represents the Panola District. J.D. is 1/32 Chickasaw, a descendant of Levi Colbert and Minnie Barker. J.D. attended and graduated from Achille School in 1970. Mr. Malaney is married to Rebecca. The couple has four children, Jeannie, Heather, Eric and Melissa. J.D. worked in Sherman, Texas for MEMC Electronic Material and Texas Instruments, before retiring. He has twice served on the Achille City Council and has been part of many fund-raising activities. J.D. and his family have lived in Panola District for over 40 years. Mr. Malaney is a member of the Church of Christ.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,498	Panola	1,345
Pickens	5,779	Pontotoc	9,045
		Total	20,667



Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821

(580) 310-6475 phone;

(580) 310- 6474 Fax;

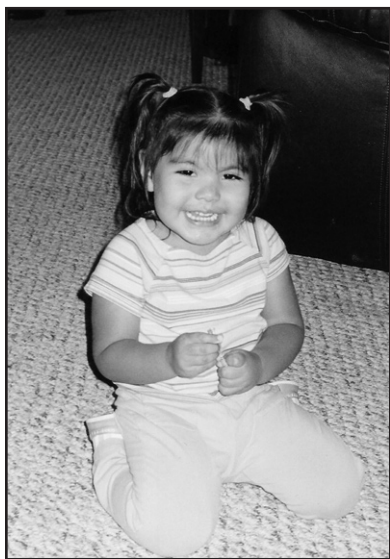
Toll Free 1-888-661-0137

Chickasaw.net then click government.

Danya Impson

Danya Hope Impson is the daughter of John and Lisa Impson, Ada, Okla. Her maternal grandparents are Quanah and Sherry Nail, Tucson, Ariz. Her paternal grandparents are Gwen Impson, McAlester, Okla., and David Impson, Oklahoma City. Her maternal great-grandparents are Benjamin Nail, Tishomingo, Okla., the late Fern Nail and the late Joe and Ruth Frazier. Her paternal great-grandparents are Emma Fisher, McAlester, the late Robert Fisher and the late Thomas and Marie Willie.

On August 29, 2003, God sent us an angel named Danya Hope Impson. Since that day our lives have never been the same. We are blessed to have her as our daughter. She is the light of our lives and is truly our pride and joy. We love you Danya!



Jared Walker is the pride and joy of Pauline Brown.

Jared is a 15-year-old freshman and a dorm student at Sequoyah. He is from Ada, Okla., and from the Raccoon Clan of the Chickasaw Tribe.

The Chickasaw language comes from the Muskogean linguistic family of American Indian languages and is related closely to the Choctaw language.

Chickasaw Words

Money – Ta'osso

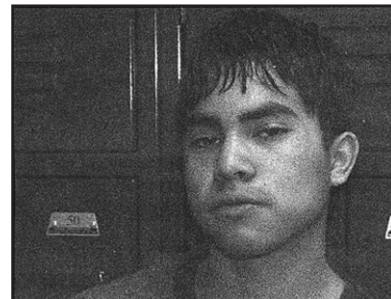
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Woman – Eho

Dog – Ofi'

Black – Losa'

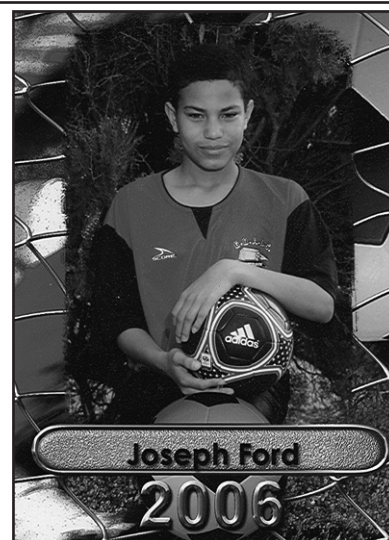
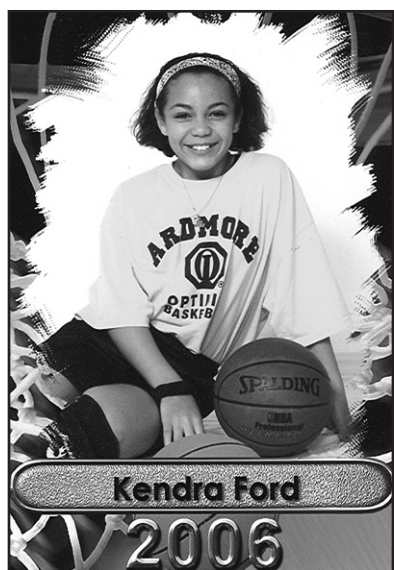
Jared Walker



Kendra Ford

Kendra L. Ford is the daughter of Toronia and Jamie Ford, Ardmore, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie and Kenneth Atteberry, Sulphur, Okla., Doris and Gene Flowers, Washington D.C., and Frank and Sharon Ford, Suitland, Md.

Kendra attends the sixth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She has been on the straight A's honor roll for two years. She is active in basketball.



Joseph Ford

Joseph Ford is the son of Toronia and Jamie Ford. He is the grandson of Bobbie and Kenneth Atteberry, Sulphur, Okla., Doris and Gene Flowers, Washington, D.C., and Frank and Sharon Ford, Suitland, Md.

Joseph, 13, is an eighth grader at Ardmore Middle School. He has improved his grades this past nine weeks. He is active in soccer and serves as a referee while not playing.

Aaron Renfro

Aaron Renfro is the pride and joy of Alejandra, Kaleb, Kole and Noah.

We just wanted to let our uncle, Aaron Renfro, know we love him very much. Shown here with his g-ma Lorene Renfro and his kid, Lucky.



Ben, Amanda, Noah and Alejandra Renfro



Ben Renfro, wife Amanda, son Noah and daughter Alejandra are the pride and joy of Gary and Jan Renfro.

Ben Renfro and his family are about to go through a big change in their lives. Ben has been attending college for more than seven years and will graduate this fall with a Dr. of Chiropractic, specializing

in Acupuncture & Sports Rehab. He has also received a bachelor's in micro biology.

This would not have been possible if not for the help of the Chickasaw Nation and the determination and commitment to the long hours and hard work of both Ben and Amanda. Amanda is our answer to a prayer. She has been supportive both financially and mentally for Ben, along with caring for their two children in his absence with school. Amanda knows what hard work and endurance it takes to complete such a task, as she has her LMSW, Licensed Masters in Social Work from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.

We are proud of your family and your accomplishments.

We love you all!

Mom and Dad

Gary Renfro, Lorene Renfro, Cristy, Kaleb and Kole McClain

Gary Renfro, Lorene Renfro, Cristy, Kaleb and Kole McClain are the pride and joy of Jan Renfro. Pictured are her husband Gary, her mother-in-law Lorene Renfro, Gary and Jan's daughter Cristy McClain with her two sons, Kaleb, 6, and Kole, 4 months old.



Cristy is and licensed vocational nurse and has returned to school to complete her R.N. Cristy's husband, Lance, has been a Fed Ex driver for over eight years. Lorene Renfro is the granddaughter of Ida Carter, Chickasaw.

I love all of you!

Love you wife, daughter-in-law, Mom & Granny.

Kaya Duncan



Kaya Ann Marie Duncan is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Phil and Geneva (Gamble) Stapler.

Kaya is in kindergarten this year. She is reading with the first graders already. The basketball team she played on did not lose a game. She is our only grandchild, we are so proud of you.

We love you,
Your family

SaRai Sherman

SaRai Na Zsani Sherman is the daughter of Charel Young and Paul Sherman. She is the granddaughter of Carol Lott and the great-granddaughter of Christine Marie Harrison-Lott, the late Theodore Roosevelt Lott, Letha Mae Young and Minter Harold Young. She is the niece of Darryl L. Young, Jr., great-niece to Charrise Lynette Lott and little cousin to Ariel Marsha Allen. She is half-sister to Arron D. Sherman and Jada M. Sherman.



SaRai is our pride and joy because she continues our strong family legacy going. She is a bright, beautiful, happy outgoing and determined one-year-old girl. She celebrated her one-year-old birthday March 4, 2006.

She walks, talks and lets you know she is alive and kicking. Curious George has nothing on SaRai's tenacity for learning. She holds her own when she interacts with older children. SaRai means Sarah in Hebrew. Sarah means "Mother of Nations." She is the first born to mother Charel Lynese Young. She is Daddy's little princess.

She is a descendent of the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Creek tribes.

James Thomas

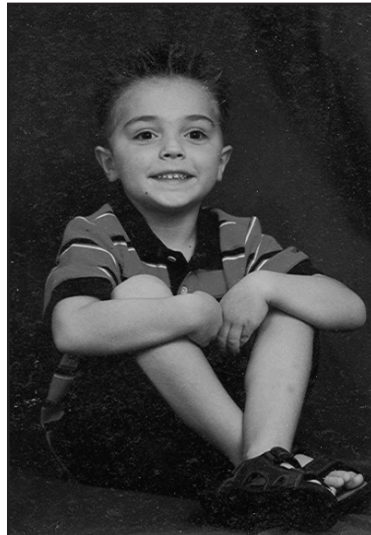
James Allen Thomas is the son of Star Scott. He is the great-great-great grandson of Ruebin Carney and Martha Carney, original enrollees.

He is my first great-grandchild. He was born February 2, 2003 at Hastings I.H.S. We are proud to be Chickasaw ancestors.

A. Christine Summer



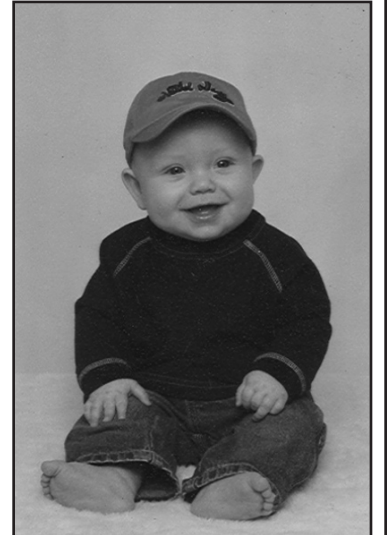
Trysten Cook



Ethan Weaver



Aiden Weaver



Trysten Cook is the son of Mike and Kelli Cook. Ethan Weaver is the son of Brent and Donna Weaver. Aiden Weaver is the son of Bryan and Reiko Weaver. They are the grandchildren of Janie Brady, Tishomingo, Okla.

These handsome boys are my first grandchildren from my three children. They are so special to everyone. I am so blessed to have them all in my life.

Week of the Young Child

The Chickasaw Nation Ada Child Development Center and Ada Head Start programs joined the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to celebrate the Week of the Young Child, April 2-8, 2006.

The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the people, programs and policies that are helping to build better futures for children. The special week is celebrated across the country by hundreds of local organizations working to improve opportunities for all young children.

The Ada programs hosted several events throughout the week including a children's parade with Parade Marshall Buzz Lightyear, a kids' Olympics, a balloon launch, car seat checks, parent breakfast, visits to the zoo and Lazer Zone and a play day with a moon bounce and games.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby joined the children during the parade and helped release more than 150 balloons at the balloon launch. He expressed the importance of being involved in the lives of young children.

"These programs

and teachers and care givers are crucial to the development and education of our children," Governor Anoatubby stated. "This is a great time to celebrate those who are here to help parents ensure that all children have safe care and quality learning experiences."

Week of the Young Child

honors the more than 35 million children from birth to age eight in America, and the families, teachers and others who help children make the most of their opportunities in their early years.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Children and staff from the Child Development Center and Head Start programs kicked-off their "Week of the Young Child" celebration with a children's parade. Buzz Lightyear, Sheriff Woody and Jessie the Yodeling Cowgirl joined the children as they marched.



Children from the Chickasaw Nation Child Development and Head Start programs released more than 150 balloons with "Week of the Young Child" messages attached last week. Parents, staff, Buzz Lightyear and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby joined the children for the celebration.

TRAILS provides shelter, training and hope to young people

According to the most recent information available from the Child Welfare League of America, more than 9,100 children in Oklahoma were living out of the family home in 2003. More than 1,000 of those were 16 and older.

Many of these young people have been forced out of the home due to some sort of family conflict, including physical or sexual abuse, parental drug abuse, or the disapproval of a parent or other care giver.

Regardless of the reason they are living away from the home, many of these young people on the verge of becoming adults are not receiving the support, encouragement and education they need to become, independent, productive members of society.

"This is a serious problem which is virtually invisible to most of us," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "In the worst-case scenario, these young people may be living on the street, but many others may find themselves living temporarily with friends or relatives. In either case, they have no real place to call home and few prospects for the future."

Many of those young people can now find shelter and much more at the Chickasaw Nation Transitional Residential Adolescent Independent Life Skills (TRAILS) program, located at 2400 Chickasaw Boulevard in Ada.

The TRAILS program is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, and tribal funds. It provides displaced or physically "at risk" adolescents with life skills to become independent and productive members of society.

"These young people come to our program from homes where the parents may be abusing drugs or have some other serious problem," said Regina Pereira, program coordinator for the TRAILS program. "They have nowhere to go and they haven't developed the life skills they need to live independently. This program can make a real difference in their lives."

TRAILS is designed for homeless and/or "at risk" youth between 18 and 21.

"There are a lot of young

people out there who could really benefit from this program," said Jerred Nelson, an 18-year-old participant.

Services are offered free of charge to any young person who qualifies. Native American heritage is not necessary to qualify for the program.

While young people may be referred to the program from a variety of agencies throughout the state, the decision to enter TRAILS is purely voluntary.

"These young people have to want to be here," said Mrs. Pereira. "They have to really want to make a change in their lives."

Nelson, who returned to the program after a short stay in the program two years earlier, is a good example.

"When I first came here, I wasn't ready to do everything I needed to do," said Nelson. "I've matured a lot. This program really has a lot to offer and now I'm ready to do the things I need to do."

Once they make the decision to enter the program, individual counseling is available through staff counselors.

In addition to helping participants develop life skills, the program also helps them continue their education, find work, establish a work history and build a "nest egg" to help them begin a new life on their own.

Participants in the program move through a number of

phases from an initial assessment to independent living.

During phase I, program workers conduct a series of evaluations to determine if a prospective participant may benefit from the program, or may derive more benefit from another program.

Youth who demonstrate a commitment to work through the program during the 30 days of phase I advance to phase II, where they live in supervised group care for six months to one year.

During phase II, program workers arrange GED classes with the Chickasaw Nation Education department or other appropriate educational opportunities.

While completing their educational goals, participants receive assistance in obtaining part-time employment. This includes help filling out job applications, transportation to job interviews and help in developing job skills from punctuality to appropriate dress.

Once the participant has completed education or training goals, they work to obtain full-time employment.

Program workers also assist participants in preparing a plan for independent living, including housing, budgeting, transportation, food, clothing, recreation and medical care.

While in the program, participants are required to place



Regina Pereira instructs TRAILS participant Jerred Nelson in the fundamentals of budgeting.

80 percent of their earnings in a savings account to help prepare them for the financial responsibilities of independent living.

Successful completion of phase II includes saving a minimum of \$1,000, maintaining steady employment and establishing the income necessary to meet proposed living expenses.

During phase III, participants live independently, but may still receive advice, training and participate in support groups and counseling as needed.

Participants who move onto phase IV of the program have developed the skills, experience and education necessary to live independently.

"This program gives these young people the skills they need to have successful families

themselves," said Rick Kelley, director of the Office of Strong Family Development.

According to program guidelines, workers remain in contact with participants for approximately six months of this phase to ensure they are succeeding and offer additional services if needed.

Realistically, program workers sometimes develop life long relationships with graduates.

"We have one young lady who graduated from the program who comes by once a week or more just to say hello," said Ms. Pereira. "She recently had some car trouble and we were able to find a volunteer who could help her get her car repaired."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Art contest, continued from page 1

montage, collage, and/or constitution imagery are but a few examples which may be used to reflect the theme.

Two dimensional and photography artworks in each of three age categories will be accepted.

Student categories are third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade.

Second place winners in each category and age division will receive \$150. Third place winners will each receive \$100.

All art work must have two (2) Chickasaw Nation Consti-

tution Day Art Competition Entry Forms. One (1) attached to the back of the art work and one (1) submitted to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

All art work must be submitted to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, 815 N. Mississippi, Ada, OK 74820 no later than 5:00 p.m., August 18, 2006.

For more information regarding submission criteria or a copy of the official rules and entry form, contact Laura Morrison (580) 332-1092.

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Essay contest, continued from page 1

Chickasaw government, and why it is important to the daily operations tribal government.

Chickasaw citizens enrolled in a public school in seventh through twelfth grades are eligible to enter.

Students in seventh, eighth and ninth grades may enter in the junior high category.

Students in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades may enter in the high school category.

Only one essay per student will be accepted.

Second place essays in each category will receive \$150.

Third place essays in each

category will receive \$100.

Entries must be mailed to: 124 East 14th Street, Ada, OK 74820 – ATTN. Penny Watson or delivered via e-mail to penny.watson@chickasaw.net.

Deadline for entries is July 31, 2006.

For more information, contact Ms. Penny Watson or Mr. Robert Pickens in the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department at (580) 421-7711.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Senior Sites enjoy hunting for Easter Eggs April 13, 2006



Photos contributed by Mike McKee, digital design & development.

Tisha Cully

Tisha Michelle Cully is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Barbara and Tom Gaines. She is the granddaughter of the late Esloney and Betty Cully and William and Zella Gaines.

Tisha has been involved with the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council, the Dance Troupe, Governor's Honor Club, DECA, FCCLA, 2 years of basketball, 4 years of softball, and Colorguard. She was selected to join team Oklahoma in the King Kamehameha Softball Classic in Hawaii.

She plans to attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) to major in computer science.



Timothy Poorbaugh



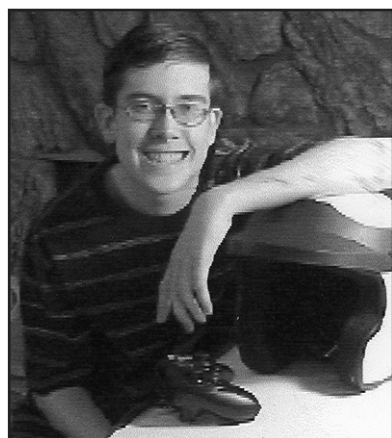
Timothy Bailey Poorbaugh is a 2006 graduate of Fort Pierce Central High School, Port St. Lucie, Fla. He is the son of Carl and Martha Poorbaugh. He is the grandson of Nora Bailey and Patty Poorbaugh.

Timothy's honors include: Valedictorian, Mr. Fort Pierce, Central Student Council official who serves as the school spokesperson at all public events, National Leadership Merit Award 2005, student council junior class student class representative, Harvard Book Award 2005, National History Day Best in State Award 2005, 1st place County Hurricane Hero Award 2004, band captain, Beta Club (vice president 2005-2006, secretary 2004-2005), Four County Honor Band 2001-2006, American Innovation History Award State History Fair 2004, Florida Department of Health Volunteer Award 2002-2004, Scholar Athlete Fort

Pierce Central Track and Field 2003, Band Directors Award Outstanding Sophomore 2003-2004, and he attended Florida Boys State 2005. He is active in the Beta Club, student government, concert band, marching band, PEP Band Competition Cheerleading, volunteer public service, debate club, National Honor Society, tennis team, track and field, academic A Team, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), education talent search, community orchestra tropical wind ensemble.

He plans are to pursue a major in history and minor in psychology. Following graduation he wishes to join the Peace Corps and teach in Kenya for a year. Return to the states to pursue his master's then teach high school students.

Van Goodman



Van E. Goodman is a 2006 graduate of Metropolitan Arts Institute, Phoenix, Ariz. He is the son of Ralph Goodman and Deborah Froelich-Freeman. He is the grandson of Harvey and Jeannie Goodman, Duncan, Okla., and Mrs. Carl Freeman, Lufkin Texas.

Van's great-grandmother the late Elba "Cutchie" Johnston is a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and an original enrollee. He enjoys playing video games and racing autocross cars prepared by his dad.

He is currently taking classes at DeVry University, pursuing a degree in game and simulation programming.

Amanda Hatton

Amanda Nachole Hatton is the 2006 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. She is the daughter of Robbie Hatton and Katrina Coffeia. She is the granddaughter of John and Louise Ens and Robert Bodin.

Amanda is a cheerleader at Roff High School and a member of the year book staff.

She plans to attend East Central University.



Tessa Truett



Tessa Truett is a 2006 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. She is the daughter of Ron Truett and the late Kathy Truett. She is the granddaughter of Mary Weldon.

Tessa is a member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, FCA, student council, class officer and played softball and basketball for four years.

She will attend Connors State College, Warner, Okla., on a softball scholarship and will pursue a degree in radiology technology.

Kelly Chatfield



Kelly Ann Chatfield is a 2006 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Bruce and Lynne Chatfield. She is the granddaughter of Alice Lowrance, Gerald and Mary Current and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Chatfield.

Kelly has been active in drama and competitive speech, Business Professionals of America, yearbook and video production.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to major in nursing.

Novella Peyton

Novella Keith Nicole Peyton is a 2006 graduate of Del City High School, Del City, Okla. She is the daughter of Jo Ann Peyton and the great-granddaughter of Wanda Russell.

Novella is a member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, and the art club.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to major in pre-med and pursue a career as a doctor specializing in obstetrics.



Donna Bell

Donna Jo Bell is a 2006 graduate of Shell Lake High School, Hertel, Wis. She is the daughter of Dee Dee Bell and the granddaughter of Rufus and Donna Bell.

Donna is a member of the dance team, student council and Arrive Alive.

She will attend LCO College in Hayward, Wis., to study nursing.

Her family is extremely proud of her.

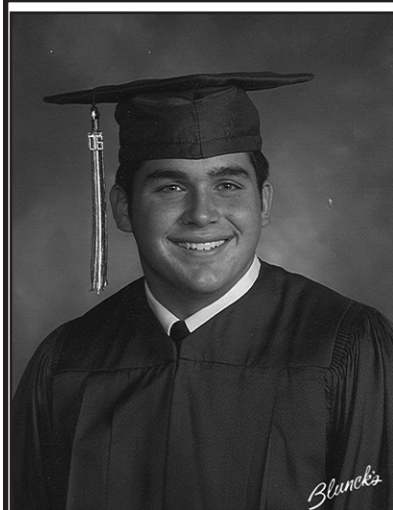
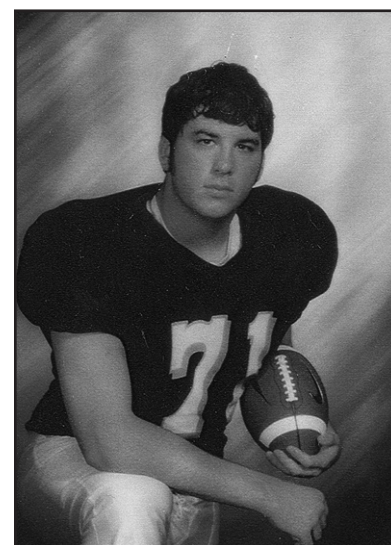
Jeremy Carter

Jeremy William Carter is a 2006 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. He is the son of Dana Gene Carter and Terry and Joe Gilbert. He is the grandson of Virgil Eugene Carter, Madill, Okla. He is the nephew of Gary Carter, Ronald and Wanda Gibson and Millie Fischer.

Jeremy participated in S.C.O.B.D.A. band throughout high school. He was a 2003 Oklahoma Quartet Band finalist, received 2004 honors in English, a 2004 member of OK State Championship speech team, 2005 All District Band, 2005 he qualified for state weightlifting championship, a 2005 member of OK State Championship speech team, 2006 Honors English, 2006 selected Lone Grove Football All Star, 2006 selected as All District Football player, 2006 member of OK State Championship speech team, and in 2006 nominated and accepted to play in the National Native American High School All Star Football game to be played in Mile High Stadium in Denver, Colo., in conjunction with the Native American Olympics the first week of July. He played various instruments including, the trombone, guitar, trumpet, baritone and the Native American flute.

Jeremy has committed to play football for Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kan. He has narrowed his major to either computer science or Native American law. His older brother Larry will join him at Haskell to pursue his academic career and to be active in football.

"What we have here is an example of a warrior poet. This young man is pursuing the academic resources that will enable him to contribute to the Chickasaw Nation and to the paradigms of contemporary society and the conundrums created by those paradigms as they relate to First Nations Citizens" Dana Carter.



John Heath

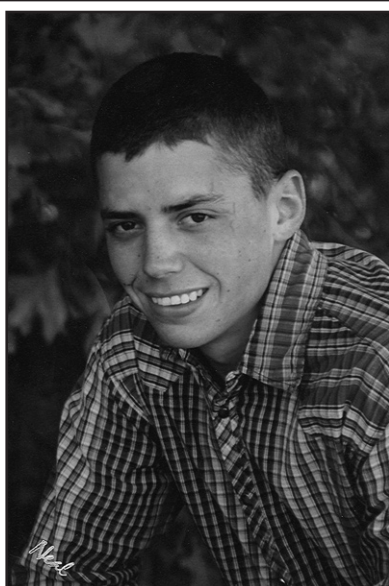
John Riley Heath is a 2006 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. He is the son of Kay and Buddy Pierce and the grandson of Jerry and Melba Hodge.

John has lettered in band for four years, he is a four-year letterman in baseball and three-year letterman in basketball.

He plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University for instrumental music.

Tray Moore

Tray Moore is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Kristie and Tommy Moore. He is the grandson of M.D. and Joy Bates.



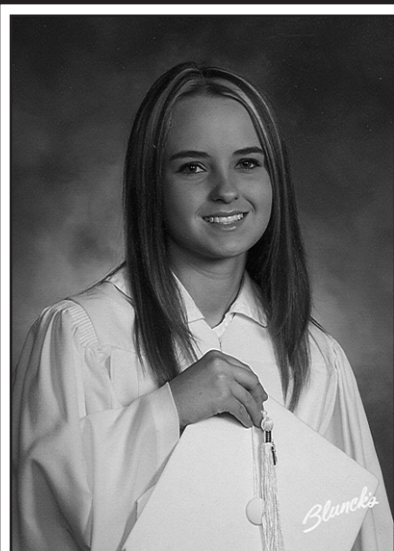
Journi Roberts

Journi Lynn Roberts is a 2006 graduate of Westmoore High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Robin and Kari Roberts. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, Regina Roberts, and the late Jim Roberts. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Lillian Fowler.

Journi has been active in newspaper/yearbook staff, Future Journalist of America, FCA (prayer group leader), member of Heartland Community Youth Group and Children's Worship Leader.

She has volunteered for Hope Pregnancy Crisis Center, Altera Elderly Home, City Rescue Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

She plans attend a college of choice or attend Honor Academy in Texas and study to be a strong leader for Christ and travel for missions for a year. She wants to major in journalism and minor in religion and one day become a columnist for a Christian magazine. She hopes to one day write her own devotional book for the youth of the next generation.



Heather Cofer

Heather Cofer is a 2006 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Darren Cofer and Lori Crafton. She is the granddaughter of Don and Loyce Cofer, and Ken and Pat Pickering.

Heather is involved in show choir, SADD and FCCLA.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant.

RhaShonda Keehn

RhaShonda Jo Keehn is a 2006 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Darrell Keehn and Walter and Rhonda Ellett. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Dean Ballard, Madill, and David and Emma Thurman, Walters, Okla.

RhaShonda is a member of SADD, the speech team, Parli Team, the academic team, the 2005 Chickasaw Science Team, named a Top Student, winner of National Discovery and Haratio Alger National Scholarship.

She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to major in family counseling.

Megan Edelman

Megan M. Edelman is a 2006 graduate of North High School, Wichita, Kansas. She is the daughter of Cristina Edelman and Dennis Edelman. She is the granddaughter of V. Lynn and Lovie Stumblingbear and the great-granddaughter of Julia Byrd and Louis McGilbra.

Megan was president of the All Nations Club.

She plans to attend college and pursue a degree in high school education.



Priscilla Villanueva

Priscilla Renee Villanueva is a 2006 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Visual Arts in Dallas. She is the daughter of Antonio and Stephanie Villanueva. She is the granddaughter of Timothy and Sally Yellowfish.

Her accomplishments include, Miss Indian (PAC) Parent Advisory Committee, 2005 – 2006 Miss Indian Princess of Dallas, a 2006 ARTS winner – Level III in dance for National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts and a Dallas Independent School District representative for Native American students. She begun dancing Native American dances at the age of four and has been training in Ballet Folklorico for the past seven years. She received her dance training from Anita Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Mexico 2000 under the direction of Alex Palencia, Sylvia Lozano Summer Dance Intensive, W.E. Greiner Exploratory Arts Academy, and BTWHSPVA. She has performed throughout the Dallas Metroplex with BTWHSPVA Ballet Folklorico Ensemble, LunaSol under the direction of Fernando Hernandez and with Mexico 2000 under the direction of Alex Palencia. She enjoys volunteering in the Dallas Independent School District for the American Indian Education Program. She has been honored for her academic success receiving recognition for her TAAS scores in reading and math and is a member of the National Honor Roll, Presidents Education Award Program and National Junior Honor Society.

She plans to pursue her dance training at the University of New Mexico, Texas Woman's University or the University of California, Los Angeles.

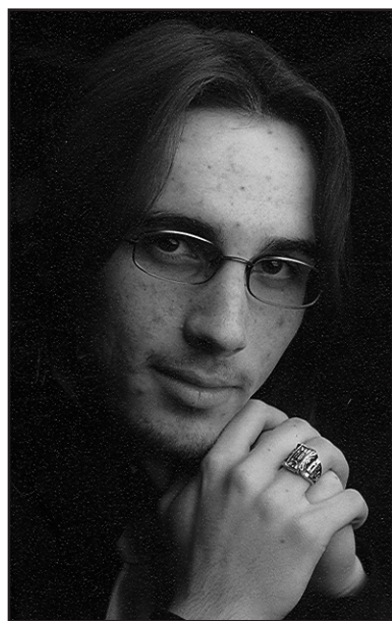


Christian Farmer

Christian Dean Farmer is a 2006 graduate of Kremlin-Hillsdale High School, Enid, Okla. He is the son of Yvonne Farmer and Heath and Laura Farmer. He is the grandson of Phyllis Farmer, James and Shirley Farmer, the late Doris Grace O'Neal (Chambers) and the late John Herbert Ventris. He is the great-grandson of Maxine Mills.

Christian was a member of the cross country and track teams. He played the trumpet in band for six years and participated in the academic bowl. In his spare time he played the electric key board and electric guitar. He enjoys video games, sword movements, drawing comic characters and high school bowling.

He plans to attend Autry Vo-Tech, Enid, for two years taking construction and graphic arts courses and to work part-time.



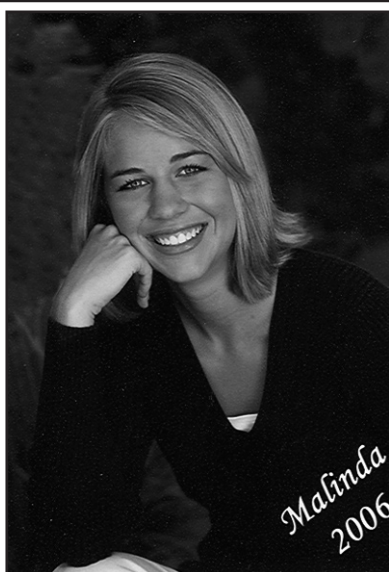
Malinda Maytubby

Malinda Maytubby is a 2006 graduate of Stockdale High School, Bakersfield, Calif. She is the daughter of Mark and Nancy Maytubby. She is the granddaughter of John and Pat Maytubby, Bakersfield, and the great-granddaughter of Morris J. and Elsie Maytubby, Lamont, Calif.

Malinda, 1/8 Chickasaw, will graduate in the top 20% of over 630 students and is a lifelong resident of Bakersfield.

She is a scholar athlete and has been a member of National Honor Society and California Scholastic Federation. A four-year high school and club volleyball player, she was part of the team that won league and section championships and placed third in the annual Club Volleyball Festival in Reno, Nev. She was secretary of Associated Student Body and was the recipient of the Optimist Leadership Award and honored as a finalist for Kern County's Daughters of the American Revolution service award. She has been involved with the Assistance League of Bakersfield for four years, helped provide school supplies to the children of Bakersfield and participates with the MARE program, volunteering to work with disabled children of Kern County.

Malinda plans to attend California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, Calif., in the fall and pursue a degree in liberal arts. She would like to become a high school teacher or counselor.

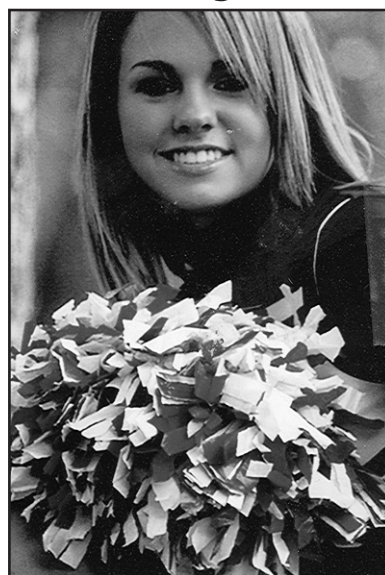


Taylor Kingsbery

Taylor Kingsbery is a 2006 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Ken and Kim Kingsbery and Paul and Renee Cayle. She is the granddaughter of Wilson and Pat Kingsbery.

Taylor has attended school in Tishomingo for thirteen years. She attends Calvary Baptist Church and is active in the youth group. She is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, student council, Native American Club, yearbook editor, and is a cheerleader. She has had the opportunity to travel to several foreign countries. She currently attends Murray State College, Tishomingo as a concurrent senior.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.



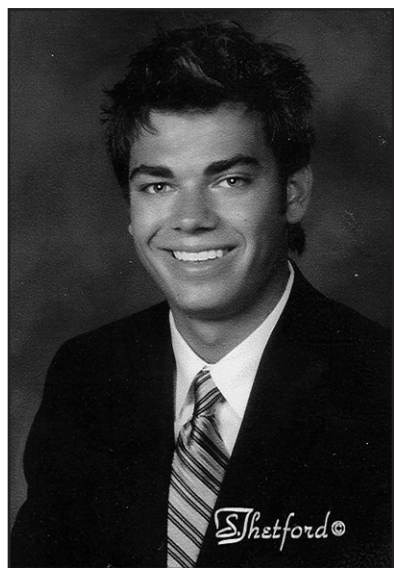
Corey Garvin

Corey Garvin is a 2006 graduate of Forest High School, Ocala, Fla. He is the son of Michael and Tina Garvin. He is the grandson of Joy and Charles Dorrity, Vivian Morrison and Donald Morrison.

Corey will graduate with high honors. He participated in junior varsity and varsity baseball, junior varsity football, Spanish club and HOSA. He volunteered at several community activities.

He plans to pursue a career in the medical field.





Houston Nutt III

Houston Nutt III, is a 2006 graduate of Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Ark. He is the son of Houston and Diana Nutt. He is the grandson of Armedia Willis-Thomas and the great-grandson of original enrollee Art Willis.

Houston was quarterback for Fayetteville High School the 2005 season. He is listed in 2005 and 2006 *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

He plans to attend college at Oklahoma State University or the University of Arkansas.

Jennifer Roeser

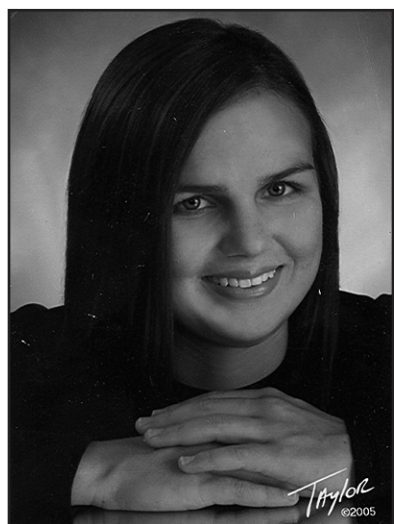
Jennifer Rebecca Roeser is a 2006 graduate of Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, Texas. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Cathy Roeser. She is the granddaughter of Billie Troutt and the late Earnest Troutt of Richardson Texas and Kay Roeser and the late John Roeser of Dickinson, Texas. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Levin Kemp and Mary Bohanan.

Jennifer is a member of the National Honor Society, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, member of the math club, Spanish club, Tribal Belles Drill Team, varsity tennis team, and the U.S. Achievement Academy.

She plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin, majoring in Natural Science, and then attend medical school.



Shannon Goforth

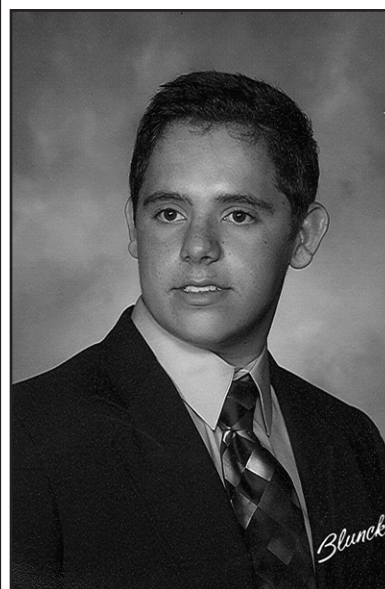


Shannon Goforth is a 2006 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Edmond, Okla. She is the daughter of Dr. Tom and Katherine Goforth. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Nell Goforth.

Shannon has a near perfect grade point average (GPA), and has been honored to be named the female Senior Honoree for the entire Edmond Public Schools as a Student of Excellence given by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. She has been a member of the Governor's Honor Club since grade school. She has been in National Honor Society since 2003, and the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. She was named Student of the Month in February 2003 and has been a Venture Scholar for 2003 – 2006. Her extracurricular activities

include member of the Chesapeake Junior Rowing Club. She has earned many first and second place ribbons at various regattas in Oklahoma and surrounding states. She is active in choir and has won many honors including superior ratings in choir, ensembles and solos. She has been a member in All Oklahoma Choral Director's Association Women's Honor Choir and Oklahoma Music Educator's Association Mixed Chorus. She has been a member of the Johnston O'Malley Program and Title VII during her entire school career. She played junior varsity basketball, a member of the Spanish club, Service Learning Club, and Future Community Career Leaders of America. She was asked to be a senior mentor this year and is a member of Young Life.

She plans to study Hotel/Restaurant Management this year at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., and ultimately attend the Culinary Institute and become a chef in her own restaurant.



Bradley Woods

Bradley Steven Woods is a 2006 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Steve and Paula Woods. He is the grandson of Jerry and Pat Woods.

Bradley has been a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, the Principal's Honor Roll, and has been active in physics, trigonometry, calculus and received honors in biology. He is an art club member placing second in the East Central University Scholastic Meet. He placed third in the Five Civilized Tribes Art Show in Muskogee, Okla.

He plans to attend East Central University and the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in physics and a career in anesthesiology.

Danielle Brown

Danielle Nicole Brown is a 2006 graduate of Lafayette High School, Lafayette, La. She is the daughter of Denise and Robert Brown and the granddaughter of Doug and Sandy Strickland.

Danielle has been a 4-year member of the Lafayette High School swim team finishing in the top 16 in the state of Louisiana in the 500 freestyle for two years. She was a two-year member of the Spanish club, Big Sis/Little Sis Club and selected to be on the Lion's Den Yearbook staff during her junior year. As a senior she was selected to be a participant of the senior/freshman link crew. Other activities include participation in the science club and the Key Club. She has been a life guard for the city of Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department for the last three years.

She will attend the University of Louisiana-Lafayette majoring in criminal justice with a minor in psychology.

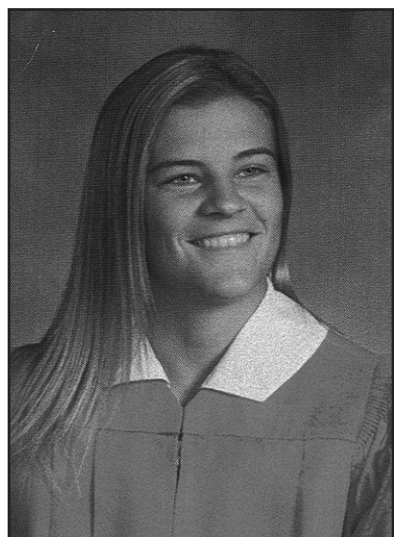


Jordin McCarty

Jordin Allington McCarty is a 2006 graduate of Gracemont High School, Gracemont, Okla. He is the son of Shawn McCarty and Cindy Satoe. He is the grandson of Semion and Thelma McCarty and Bessie and the late Rueben Ahhaitty. He is the great-grandson of Jackson McCarty, Dawes enrollee.

Jordin is president of his senior class, named to the 2006 Caddo County All-Tournament Team, a member of the 2006 basketball Regional Runner-up Team, 2006 basketball District Champions, 2006 basketball All-Conference Team, basketball homecoming king candidate, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, on the Principal's Honor Roll his junior and senior year, a member and vice president of First Baptist Church of Gracemont.





Lauren Lindsay

Lauren Lindsay is a 2006 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. She is the daughter of Keith and Lynn Lindsay. She is the granddaughter of Delmas and Carol Ford and Ed and Dolores Vorreiter.

Lauren was a four-year starter for the softball and basketball team. She was named to All-State for softball and scored her 1,000 point in basketball for her career. She was named Miss Titan 2006.

She will attend Tulsa University to play softball.



Blaine Morgan

Blaine Christopher Morgan is a 2006 graduate of Liberty Christian High School, Prosper, Texas. He is the son of Joe and Vickie Morgan. He is

the grandson of Robert and Irene Moore and James and Mary Morgan.

Blaine has participated in the Key Club, Spanish National Honor Society, basketball team, diving team and is a member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

His hobbies include volunteer church work for two-year-olds, select basketball teams, abstract sculpture and pottery awards, and officiate for third through sixth grade basketball leagues.

He plans to major in Engineering, college undecided.

LeeAnn Rasha

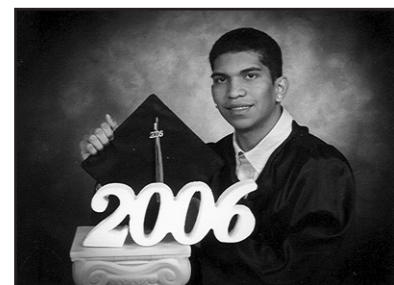
LeeAnn Renee Rasha is a 2006 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Laurice Ash and the late Ronald Rasha. She is the granddaughter of Fernie and Ronnie Sampson.

LeeAnn plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., then transfer to Tulsa University to become a pediatrician or pediatric nurse.



Robert Johns, Jr.

Robert Wayne Johns, Jr. is a 2006 graduate of Wayne High School, Wayne, Okla. He is the son of Pamela Johns and Robert Johns, Sr. He is the grandson of Clint and Charlene (Burris) Hawkins and Pat Johns. He has two sisters, Maiganne, 16, and Miranda, 12. He is ½ Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee and Mississippi Choctaw and enrolled with the Chickasaw Nation.



Wayne has attended the Wayne School System for 6 ½ years moving from Oklahoma City. He is ranked ninth in a class of 32. His activities included: football, track, band, Botball and academic bowl. He has competed in scholastic meets in Ada at East Central University, Southeastern University in Durant, Okla., and Chickasha.

He will attend the University of Oklahoma to major in engineering. His family wishes him the best as he seeks his fortune. We are proud of his endeavor to do his best in all things. He is a great inspiration to his sisters and the sweetest joy to his mother. God bless you Wayne, we love you!



Haley Honeycutt

Haley A. Honeycutt is a 2006 graduate of Westmoore High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Marsha Honeycutt and Mark Honeycutt. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn and Dick Honeycutt and Margaret and Harvey Dunkin.

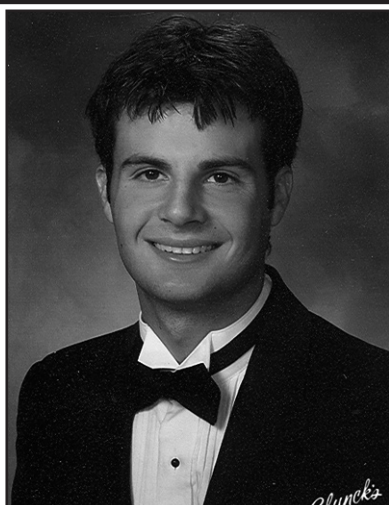
Haley's school activities include Student Council Senator and varsity baseball manager. Her other activities include, reading, church and spending time with family and friends.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Matthew Cox

Matthew Paul Cox is a 2006 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Okla. He is the son of Tim and Tracie Cox. He is the grandson of Leta Savage.

Matthew was a member of the National Merit Finalist, Oklahoma Academic All-State, senior class president, Spanish club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, tutor for Spanish-speaking elementary students, member of the golf team and a member of the First Baptist Church.



Rachelle St. John



Rachelle St. John is a 2006 graduate of Colbert High School. She is the daughter of Kevin and Gina St. John. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Virginia Farar and the late Dearn and Rachel St. John.

Rachelle works at Nichols Dollar Saver in Durant, Okla. She played varsity basketball 2002 – 2005. She played in the state tournament in 2003 and returned again in 2004. She made All-Tournament team in the Talihina Tournament her sophomore year. Rachelle played varsity softball 2002 – 2006. Her team was Conference Champions her freshman and senior year. She was named to the 2006 All Conference Team in slow-pitch. In 2003 she played

in the Dixie Belles Softball World Series, where her team finished runner-up to Tennessee.

After graduation she plans to attend cosmetology school at the Southern School of Beauty, Durant.

We're very proud of Rachelle and her accomplishments. We wish her the best in her future.

Rebecca Whitmer

Rebecca Kathleen Whitmer is a 2006 graduate of Northmor High School, Galion, Ohio. She is the daughter of John and Barbara Whitmer. She is the granddaughter of William and Betty Woods and Mabel and Gene Whitmer.

Rebecca's school activities and memberships include: honor roll, FCCLA, art club, and the Spanish club. Her extracurricular activities include competing in ballet, jazz, and modern choreography classes. She is a member of a performing arts team which includes drama, dance and mime. She received special awards for participating in local community, Mexico and South America missions and outreach programs in Chicago, Indiana and Ohio.

She plans to attend Ohio State University to major in special needs education as well as continuing the performing arts.

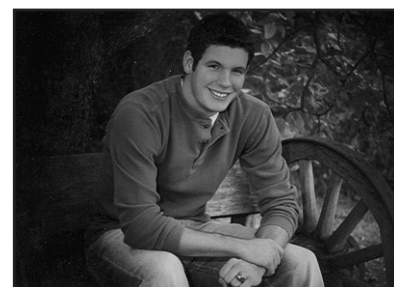


Jimmie Ralls

Jimmie John "J.J." Ralls is a 2006 graduate of Turner High School, Turner, Okla. He is the son of Phil and Rhedonna (Gipson) Ralls. He is the grandson of Inez Ralls, the late Harrell Ralls, and Bill and Peggy Gipson, and the great-grandson of Violet Harrill.

J.J. has been active in baseball and basketball since first grade, he is a 12-year honor roll student in academics, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, participated in Hoops Down Under with International Sports Specialists in Australia in 2005, a member of Eastman Baptist Church, and an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

His plans are to attend college in business.



Rachel Taylor

Rachel Erin Taylor is a 2006 graduate of Boyd High School, Boyd Texas. She is the daughter of Dale C. and Mary D. Taylor. She is the granddaughter of the late Dale W. and Mary Taylor and Jim and Judy McKeever.

Rachel will graduate third in a class of 66 with 18 college hours and a 4.0 GPA. She is currently the editor of the yearbook and was photo manager her junior year. She served on the prom committee and co-creator of the prom slide show. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been featured in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She has competed in UIL in News Writing at the district and regional levels and is a member of the art club. She was active in

basketball, golf and tennis. She enjoys mentoring second grade students each week and volunteering for a local photographer. She has attended several mission trips with the youth group at the First United Methodist Church of Boyd and assisted with vacation Bible school. Rachel has had an article and photos published in *Wise Youth Today*, a newspaper produced by the local youth and works at the Movie Store of Boyd.

She plans to attend the College of Communication at the University of Texas in Austin, to major in journalism.

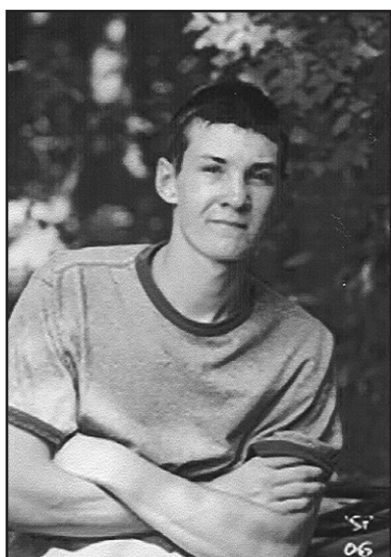


Robert Pharr

Robert Jared Pharr is a 2006 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. He is the son of Kent and LeaAnn Pharr. He is the grandson of Bill and Pat Weldon, Lee and Shirla Sweat, and the late Robert Pharr. He is the great-grandson of Richard Sexton and Freeda Pharr.

Jared has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and the National Honor Society all through high school and has been active in baseball and basketball. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. Jared is an avid deer hunter and fisherman.

He plans to attend East Central University to major in finance.



Shiloh Butts

Shiloh Caleb Butts is a 2006 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Randy and Kari Johnson and Jacky and Wendi Butts. He is the grandson of Alvin and Judith Trammell and Imogene Stufflebean.

Shiloh is very active in all shooting disciplines with his favorite being traditional archery. He is a four-time state archery champion and will be going to South Dakota to represent Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports this summer. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll, Blue Ribbon Scholar, Spanish club, FFA officer and was a graduation honor escort. He was the top camper and shooter for the NRA and was honored to be chosen as a counselor for the National Rifle Association Adventure camp in Raton, N.M. He enjoys hunting, fishing, flint knapping and bow making. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Sulphur.

His future plans are to attend pharmacy school.



Tamela Alexander

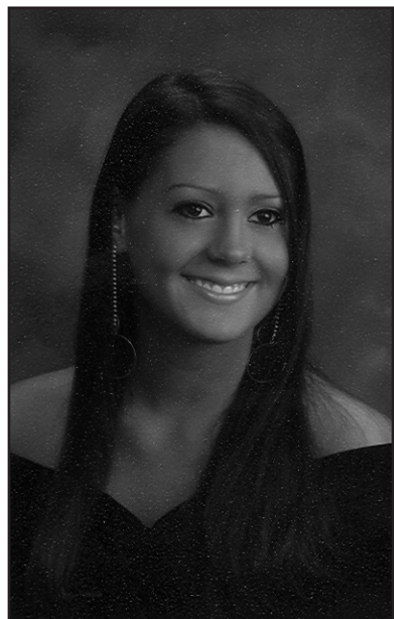
Tamela Annette Chasity Alexander is a 2006 graduate of Amber High School, Amber, Okla. She is the daughter of Bill and Lillian Alexander.

Tamela has attended Amber-Pocasset schools since kindergarten. She has been active in basketball, softball, cheerleader and a member of Family Carrier & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She is the reigning Miss Chickasaw Princess; she also had the honor of holding the title of Little Miss Chickasaw and Jr. Miss Chickasaw Princess. She has always set high standards and goals for herself and has accomplished many.

She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. Congratulations and best wishes to you, Tamela. We salute you.



Lesley Worcester

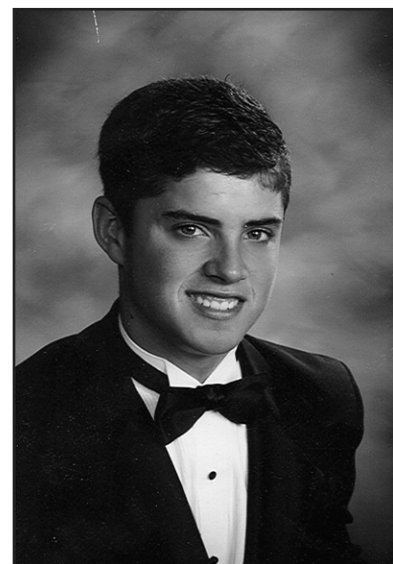


Lesley Marie Worcester is a 2006 graduate of Madison County High School, Huntsville, Ala. She is the daughter of Bill Worcester, Ada, Okla., and Tina Worcester, Huntsville. She is the granddaughter of the late Norman Leo Worcester, the late Maggie Lorene "Donie" Sealy and Jim and Margaret Strickland.

Lesley works at Garden Cove Produce, a natural food store.

After graduation she plans to take a year off before starting college. She may go to New Orleans to seek employment and to help.

Peter Sanchez, Jr.



Peter John Sanchez Jr., is a 2006 graduate of Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, Calif. He is the son of Pete and Lori Sanchez. He is the grandson of Ronald and Barbara (Babs) Cyr.

Peter has taken all of the required courses, and two years of welding at CCOC. He has worked in his Dad's business since nine years of age. In his spare time he rebuilt a 1972 step-side Chevrolet pick-up, which is his proud and joy.

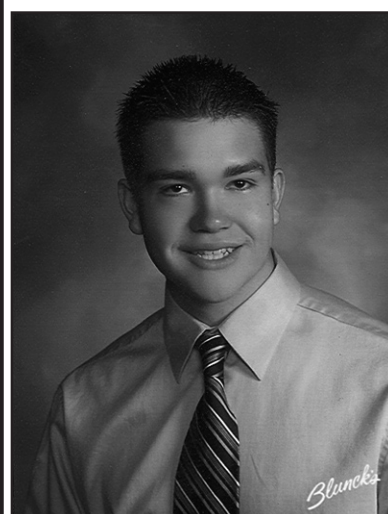
After graduation he will become a partner in the family business.

Danielle Brand

Danielle Brand is a 2006 graduate of Alex High School, Alex, Okla. She is the daughter of William B. and Cynthia L. Brand. She is the granddaughter of Wirt and Barbara (Lair) Brand and James and Lula Bonds.

She is a member of STUCO, FCCLA and FFA. She is captain of the academic team and played softball for 4 years.

She plans to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla., major in Spanish and political science.



Jesse Clapp

Jesse Clapp is a 2006 graduate of Wellston High School, Wellston, Okla. He is the son of Jim and Tammy Clapp. He is the grandson of Jack and Peggy Clapp, and John and LaVonne Warden.

Jesse plays basketball and is a member of the National Honor Society.

He plans on attending Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Courtney Mason

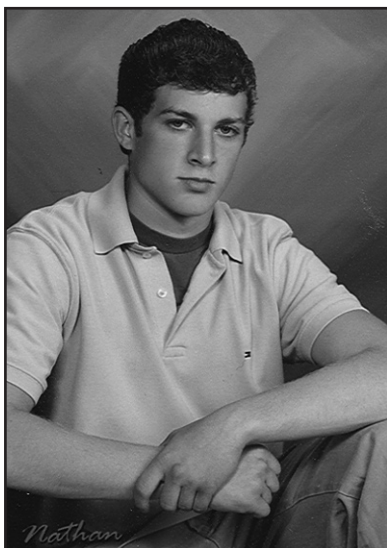
Courtney Dawn Mason is a 2006 graduate of Putman City High School, Putman City, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Terri Mason. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Harrison.

Courtney has been active in FCCLA, Key Club and Latin club. She has worked in Clown Ministry and taught in vacation Bible school. She loves to read, swim, bowl and biking.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is interested in the medical field as a pediatric physical therapist.



Nathan Miller



Nathan Glenn Miller is a 2006 graduate of Prattville High School, Prattville, Ala. He is the son of Trent and Susan Miller. He is the grandson of Val and Sue Miller and George and Mildred Gaylor. He is 1/64 Chickasaw and is the grandson of Naomi Sue Frensley, Duncan, Okla.

Nathan was the varsity kicker and set the record for Prattville High School with 48 of 48 extra points. He kicked nine field goals this year. He was president of

his freshman class and lettered in football and wrestling.

He plans to play football at the University of Alabama next year.

Brandi Adams



Brandi Sue Adams is a 2006 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Kathryn and Larry Golightly and Chester Adams, Portland, Ore. She is the granddaughter of Mary Mitchell of Shawnee, Okla., and Cleatis Graening of Tishomingo.

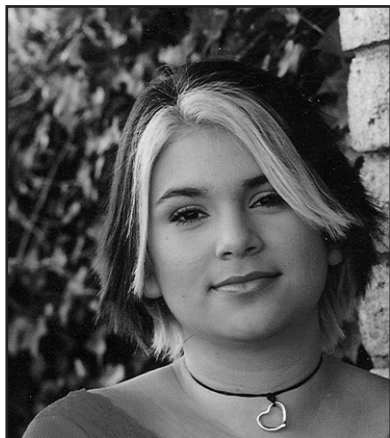
Brandi has been active in FCCLA for two years.

She plans to attend Oregon State University and study forensics. She plans to become a forensic scientist.

Emily Wells

Emily Sara Wells is a 2006 graduate of Bella Vista High School, Fair Oaks (Sacramento), Calif. She is the daughter of Dr. Henry and Deborah Wells.

Emily has been active in basketball, volleyball, mission trips to Russia and Mexico and has traveled to Israel. She has a GPA (grade point average) of 3.8. She is active in a youth group at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, has been a member of Promise Choir (a traveling concert choir) for four years and has been a child care worker at the church for five years.



Brittani Stonebarger



Brittani M. Stonebarger is a 2006 graduate of Silo High School, Silo, Okla. She is the daughter of Dr. James and Susan Stonebarger, Durant, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Branch and Myrl and Hazel Dilbeck. She is the great-granddaughter of Oleta Browder.

Brittani has been a member of the high school basketball team for four years. She was a member of FCCLA for four years. She is a dedicated student and a hard worker. She is the oldest of five children. Brittani has worked part-time since she turned 16.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, to major in business.

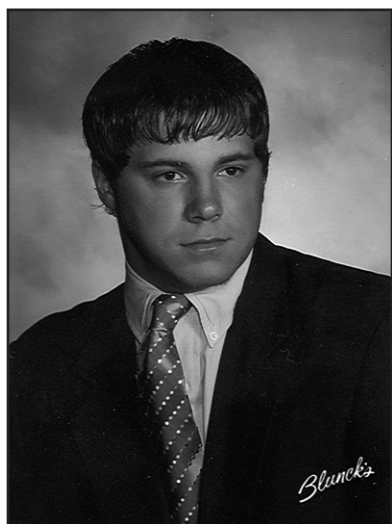
We are all very proud of her and wish her the best.

Joshua Jennings

Joshua Robert Jennings is a 2006 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Roger and Jeanie Jennings. He is the grandson of Robert and the late Joyce Jennings and Paul and Pat Gray, all of Davis, Okla.

Joshua was named All-District Football 2005, he was Powerlifting State Champion and state record holder for 2006, he was active in golf, track, Executives Show Choir, FCA, Key Club, named 2005 Chickasaw Junior Athlete of the Year, member of the National Honor Society, Governor's Honor Club, and a member of the First Baptist Church, Davis.

He plans to attend East Central University and major in criminal justice.

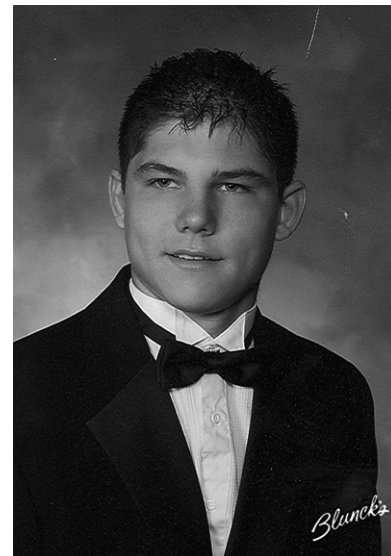


Aaron Lambeth

Aaron Tyler Lambeth is a 2006 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of Norma Lambeth, Michael Robertson and the late Darrell Lambeth. He is the grandson of Joyce Lambeth and the late Alfred Lambeth, Davis, Okla., Louise Nanney and the late Willie Nanney, Pauls Valley.

Aaron has attended the Pauls Valley School System all his life. He has been very active in school and extracurricular activities. He has been a member of the Key Club for two years, FFA for two years serving as an officer for one year, Business Partners of America for one year, he has been active in football for eight years. His senior year he was awarded All-County defensive player and All-State District defensive player. He played one year of baseball and tennis. He assisted in coaching elementary children his senior year. He is a member of the National Guard and will attend boot camp and AIT school this summer.

He will attend the University of Central Oklahoma to major in history and physical education to pursue a coaching career.



Elijah Lyda

Elijah Scott Lyda is a 2006 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of Freddie and Cathy Lyda. He is the grandson of Marion Roscoe and the late Dave Lyda. He has two younger sisters, Kyla and Kimberly Lyda.

Eli was president of his junior and senior class, and manager for the Pauls Valley Panthers from ninth grade to his senior year. He has been involved with the summer youth program since he was 14 years old. He is currently the night manager at O'Reilly's in Pauls Valley.

He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma. He is undecided on his major, either sports medicine, political science or business management.



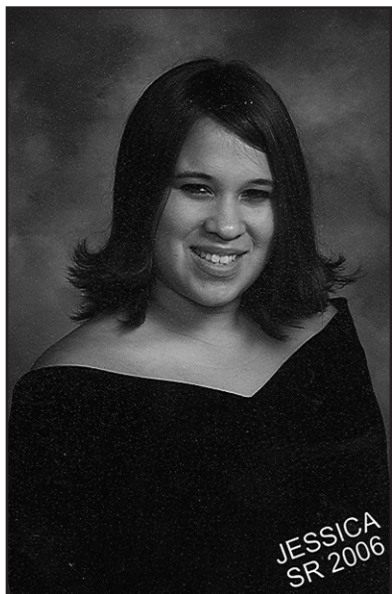
Jennifer Gordon

Jennifer Gordon is a 2006 graduate of Ringling High School, Ringling, Okla. She is the daughter of Joe and Leah Williams and Jay and Lisa Gordon. She is the granddaughter of Johnny and Betty Gordon and Jerry and Phyllis Mears.

Jennifer is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Seniors*, she is active in fast-pitch softball, earning All-Area 1st Team, All Region 5 All-District team, state quarter finalist, district champs, regional champs. In slow-pitch softball she earned state runner-up in 2004, 2004 District Champions, 2004 Regional Champions, 2005 District Champions, named 2005 All Area 1st Team, and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Athletes*.

She plans to attend Murray State College to pursue a registered nursing career.





Jessica Christie

Jessica Lynn Christie is a 2006 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Gloria Christie. She is the granddaughter of Dena Christie of Madill and Jake and Catherine Jacobson, St. Paul, Minn. She has four brothers who are graduates and one sister in 7th grade.

Jessica has been active in basketball for 3 ½ years, and softball and track for two years. She is involved in "The Native American Club" for four years and was treasurer since her sophomore

year. In her spare time she enjoys having family gatherings, hanging out with her friends, playing basketball and softball and going to church.

Her future plans are to attend college and enjoy her career as a physical therapist, get married and start a family.

Thank you Mom and Dad for being there for me through thick and thin and pushing me this far. I love you both.



Kyle Patrick

Kyle D. Patrick is a 2006 graduate of La Pine High School, La Pine, Ore. He is the son of Carl Patrick and the late Cynthia Patrick. He is the grandson James R. and Charelene Partick. He is the great-grandson of Ed and Viola Powell and the nephew of Alice Wright.

Kyle enjoyed a full academic schedule of advanced math and science with special interests in NJROTC, FFA, forestry, golf, hunting and fly fishing.

He plans to continue his education and pursue a career in forestry and wild land fire fighting.

Kilee Stewart

Kilee Deann Stewart is a 2006 graduate of Washington High School, Washington, Okla. She is the daughter of Keller and Sandra Stewart. She is the granddaughter of Coy and Freda Savage, Dora Stewart and Barbara and John Burcham. She has a sister, Keggan.

Kilee is a member of National Honor Society, FFA and AQHYA. She is currently qualifying for the AQHA Youth World Show this summer which requires a high level of dedication and commitment.

She will attend Oklahoma State University, and we know she will take that opportunity and soar with it!



Deborah Stephens

Deborah Lynn Stephens is a 2006 graduate of Rio Rancho High School, Rio Rancho, N.M. She is the daughter of James H. and Jane B. Stephens and the granddaughter of Marice S. Stephens.

Deborah served as captain of the varsity tennis team, she is a member of Native American Student Union and a member of C.A.R. She works as a hostess at Copelands Restaurant.

She plans to attend the University of New Mexico majoring in accounting.



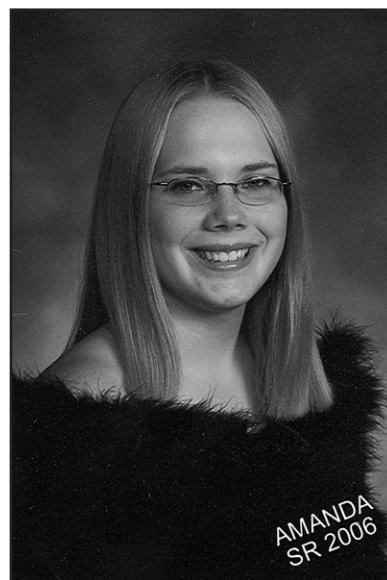
Christopher Nafus



Christopher Nafus is a 2006 graduate of Commerce High School, Commerce, Texas. He is the son of Juanita Nafus. He is the grandson of Jack McGaugh and Mary Jane Ward McGaugh and Dela Nafus.

Christopher has participated in basketball at the YMCA through his high school years, he is a team member of Commerce High School Future Farmers Agriculture and one of the three-member team to compete at a Tractor Technician Contest. Placing second out of four teams at area and advanced to state, which was a great accomplishment.

He plans to continue his education with promise to become a great leader and provider for his family.

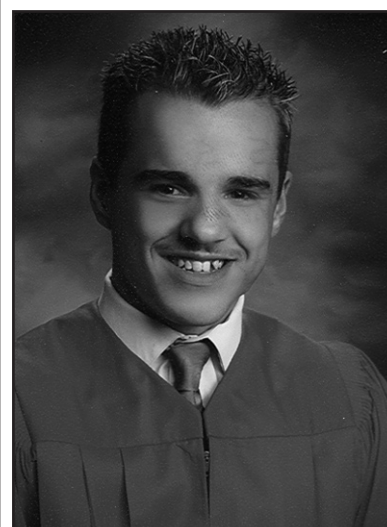


Amanda Lemons

Amanda Jean Lemons is a 2006 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Darinda Lemons and Louis Moore. She is the granddaughter of Lanty Wolfe and the late Odell Wolfe.

Amanda loves band. She was drum major her senior year. She has participated in all contests with the band and gone to state. She has been active in band since sixth grade. She loves hunting and fishing.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, get married and start a family.



Justin Daily

Justin Derek Daily is a 2006 graduate of U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Philip Daily and Shirlee Lehew. He is the grandson of Lynn and Louise Daily, Edith Foster and Ron Lehew.

Justin attends Metro-Tech Electrical program and works part-time for Leggetts Mobile Mart in Oklahoma City.

His goal after graduation is to enter the job market as an electrical apprentice and continue a current passion his 1998 Cobra Mustang.



Shelby Ellis

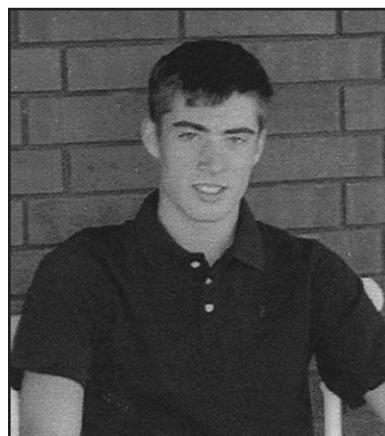
Shelby Nicole Ellis is a 2006 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. She is the daughter of David and Jennifer Wright (Shields) and Don and Christy Ellis. She is the granddaughter of Jerry Shields, Sam and Charlotte Shumaker and Cardyn McClure. She has a sister, Amber Myers-Wright.

Shelby has attended Health Science I & II at Southern Oklahoma Vo-Tech.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue a registered nurse degree.

You are our Pride and Joy, we are very proud of you.

Thomas Hardin



Thomas Abram Hardin is a 2006 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He is the son of Tommy and Carol Hardin. He is the grandson of Jerry and Lucille Coleman and Clayton and Irene Hardin.

Thomas is active in the Beta Club, National Honor Society, student council, FCA, FFA, track, cross country and golf. He is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, National Honor Roll and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, named JOM All Around Student, a top academic student, chosen Lions Club Student of

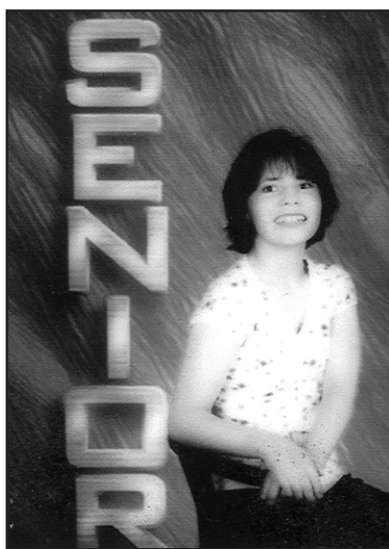
the Month and Masonic Students of Today. He was chosen Most Likely to Succeed by his senior class. His junior and senior year he participated in Model U.N. He was employed at Catfish Platter for the past two years.

He has accepted an appointment to United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Shannon Sampson

Shannon White Cloud Sampson is a 2006 graduate of Capitol Hill High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Melissa Sampson and Omar Perez. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Loretta Easley, Oklahoma City.

Shannon attends Dale Rogers Training, she loves to listen to R&B, country music. Her favorite is Shania Twain. She is our very special young lady, who we all love very much and are very proud of her.

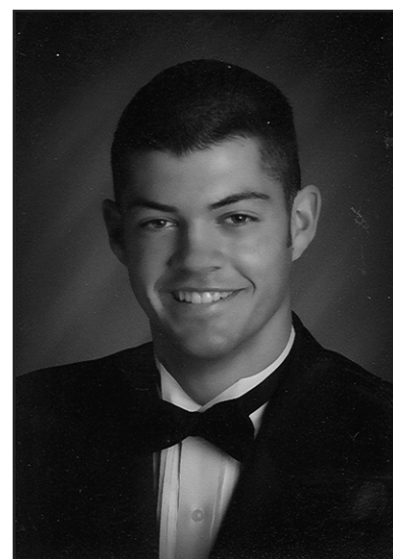


C.J. Stewart

C.J. Stewart is a 2006 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Jana Stewart. He is the grandson of Ellen Goforth Green, Vernon and Chae Brown, Bobby and Neva Stewart and the great-grandson of Lela Stewart.

C.J. is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, valedictorian of his senior class, a member of Oklahoma Academic Scholar, active in baseball and basketball, named OBCA All-Star (basketball), National Honor Society president, Beta president, STUCA vice-president, named to the *Daily Oklahoman* and the *Tulsa World State Tournament All-Tournament Team* (basketball).

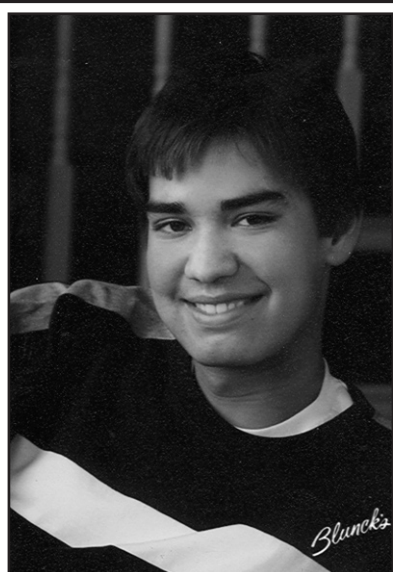
He plans to attend college to play baseball.



Bruce Maytubby

Bruce William Maytubby, Jr., is a 2006 graduate of Anadarko High School, Anadarko, Okla. He is the son of Bruce and Kelly Maytubby. He is the grandson of Melvin and Kathryn Maytubby.

Bruce is the #1 singles player on the Anadarko High School tennis team. He was a member of the Principal's Honor Roll, the Academic Achievement in Technical Education and Academic Achievement in U.S. Government.



Jessica Walker

Jessica Jenel Walker is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Ronda Futischa. She is the granddaughter of Adam "Lynn" Walker, Carolyn Key, Tommy Key and Adam and Viola Walker.

Jessica enjoys spending time with her family and chatting on-line with friends.

Her future plans are to continue working and attend vo-tech.



Zachary Ritter

Zachary Jordan Ritter is a 2006 graduate of Cinco Ranch High School, Katy, Texas. He is the son of Wes and Emily Ritter. He is the grandson of James and Kathryn Ritter, Springdale, Ark., and the late Theron and Mary Ellen Roberts.

Zachary is an Eagle Scout. He participated in football, Cougar Cadre, Macho Man Volleyball, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Eyewitness Historical Society at CRHS.

He received a Congressional Appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will major in engineering.



Katelyn Roberts

Katelyn Roberts is a 2006 graduate of Tupelo High School, Tupelo, Okla. She is the daughter of Wilson and Deanna Roberts, Allen, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Lee Fannie Roberts, Tupelo, Aaron and Lucille Byington and the late Ellivd Roberts. She has three brothers, Tanner, Kevin and Randy, and one niece Talia.

Katelyn participated in softball for four years, basketball for three years, Gifted and Talented, student council, a member of the Principal's Honor Roll, carries a 3.8 GPA (grade point average) and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in nursing.

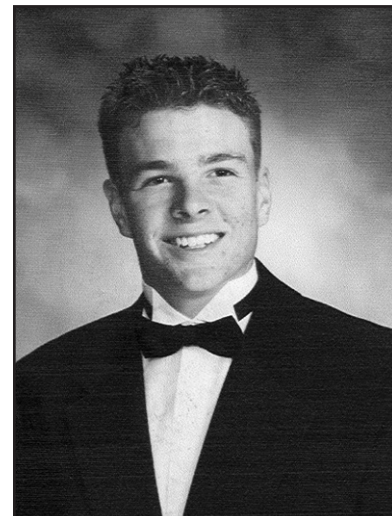


Kenneth Young

Kenneth Curtis Young is a 2006 graduate of Bing-Oney High School, Binger, Okla. He is the son of Curtis Young and Debbie and Dan Naylor. He is the grandson of J.C. and June DeVaughan, Ethel Young, the late Earl Young and the great-grandson of Thelma (Byrd) Lance, an original enrollee.

Kenneth was an honor student, valedictorian of his senior class. USAA National Merit English Award, USAA National Merit Science Award, FFA Star Greenhand Award, a member of student council and the academic team. He was active in basketball, baseball, the Beta Club, drama club, FFA, music and a member of the Sunbelt Classic baseball team his sophomore and junior year.

His plans are to achieve a college degree in sports medicine and have a career as an athletic trainer.

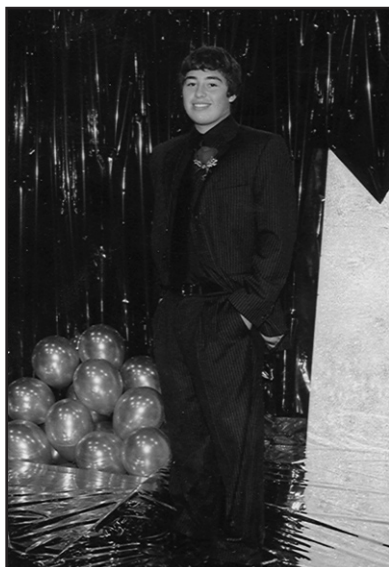


Benjamin McGuire

Benjamin Patrick McGuire is a 2006 graduate of Benton High School, Benton, Arkansas. He is the son of Mark and Wanda McGuire. He is the grandson of Rosie Postoak, Allen, Okla., Harvey Postoak, Pauline Walker, Ada, Okla., the late Simon Walker, William Postoak, Oklahoma City, the late Ruby Posotak, Jeanette McGuire, Cleveland, Ohio, and John P. McGuire, Oklahoma City.

Benjamin is a member of the basketball team, builders club, the backpacking club, Key Club, math club, science club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the International Club and the Spanish Club. He is a member of the Governor's Honor Club, Benton High School Honor Club, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Games*, and letterman award.

He will attend the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville to pursue a major in mechanical engineering.

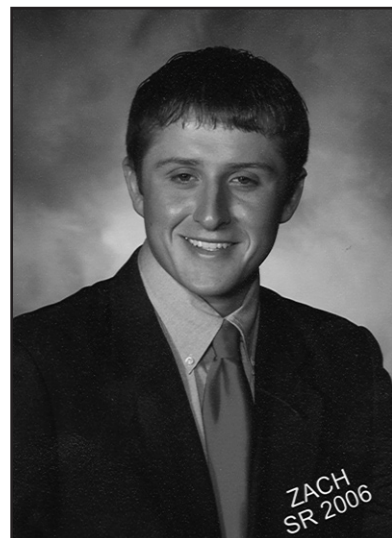


Zachery Pettitt

Zachery Pettitt is a 2006 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Johnny and Kathy Pettitt. He is the grandson of Roy and Judy Cunningtubby, Mustang, Okla., and James and the late Ann Pettitt, Sulphur.

Zachery has attended the Sulphur School System all his life. He has participated in basketball, baseball and football throughout school. He was selected All-District Defensive Lineman of the Year. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

He plans to continue his education in wildlife management.

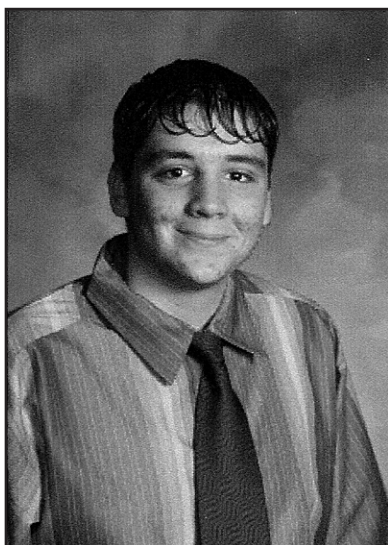


Jeremy Webb

Jeremy Webb is a 2006 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb. He is the grandson of the late Elmer G and Naomi Woods, Gloria Webb and Dr. F.E. and Patricia Webb. He has a two-year-old son, Jacob Webb.

Jeremy is on the academic team, a member of Upward Bound Math/Science, THS Honors Student, and active in the JOM program. He is a concurrent student at Murray State College, Tishomingo. He has been selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar.

He has been accepted to the Honors Program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, where he will major in English literature.



Kellye Knapp

Kellye Knapp is a 2006 graduate of Casady School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Rick Knapp and Teresa Shavney M.D. She is the granddaughter of Beulah Shavney and Helen Knapp.

Kellye has been an Honor Roll Student, varsity letterman in basketball, track and cross-country. She has appeared in numerous school plays and received the prestigious President's Service Award for Community Service. She is the president of the local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Chapter through the Youth Action Council.

She has received several college scholarships and is deciding among Purdue, SMU, TCU, Trinity, Colorado and Oklahoma universities.



Kayla Meeks



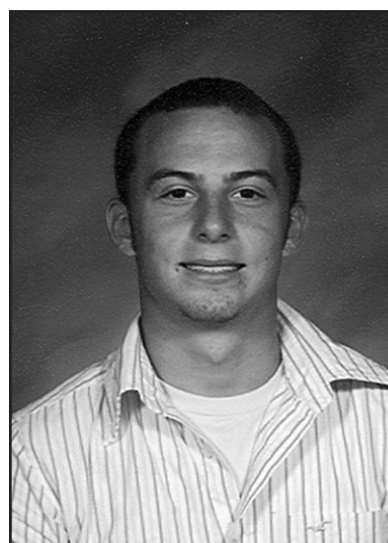
Kayla D. Meeks is a 2006 graduate. She is the daughter of Kevin and Janice Meeks. She is the granddaughter of Don and LaRuth Meeks and the great-granddaughter of the late Bygimie Parker, original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

Kayla is an active member of Snow Hill Baptist Church, she has participated in mission trips to Mexico, Arizona and Texas, assisted in providing meals to the homeless in downtown Oklahoma City, served as a sports missionary, volunteered at the OKC Crisis Pregnancy Center, taught vacation Bible school, and many other church based activities.

She has been homeschooled for twelve years. She was a four year starter for the Oklahoma City Knights, a competitive basketball team made up of entirely home schooled athletes. The Knights play a full schedule against public, private and other home schooled teams. Kayla enjoyed an exceptionally blessed high school basketball career. She holds the record for the most points ever scored by an OKC Knight, boys or girls. During her four years of high school ball, she scored a total of 1,725 points. She was named to thirteen all-tournament teams, including five MVP awards, and she was a member of two National Championship teams. She currently maintains a 3.9 GPA and is enrolled in concurrent classes at Oklahoma City Community College.

She plans to major in elementary or secondary education with the long term goal of becoming a girls basketball coach.

Andrew Ellis



Andrew Christopher Ellis is a 2006 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. He is the son of Kevin and Debbie Ellis. He is the grandson of Don and Bett Ketcher and the late Richard and Pat Ellis.

Andrew has been active in FFA, Boys State, Youth Excell, Student Rotarian, Student Kiwanian, Principals Honor Roll, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Society of High School Scholars, Valedictorian, FCA, National Honor Society, varsity football and varsity baseball leadership.

He plans to attend college and play baseball. He wants to be a firefighter and have a family.

Kayla Martin

Kayla Martin is a 2006 graduate of El Reno High School, El Reno, Okla. She is the daughter of Betty Frazier Martin and Mike Martin. She is the granddaughter of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier and Grandma Kathy Henslee.

Kayla has been active in softball, El Reno Softball League for 6 years, the math club, science club, secretary of National Business Honor Society, December Student of the Month, "B" Renaissance, honor roll, and a hosts Mentor-tenth grade.

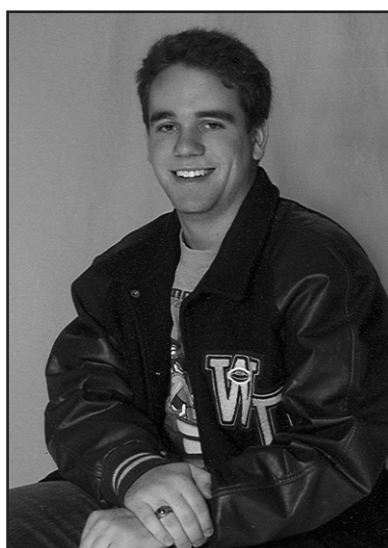
She plans to attend Redlands Community College, El Reno, for two years then transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla.



Kenneth Barbour

Kenneth W. Barbour is a 2006 graduate of White Deer High School, White Deer, Texas. He is the son of Kenneth J. and Jean Barbour. He is the grandson of Mrs. Vicky Bolte and the late Bill Bolte, Mrs. Barbara Barbour and the late Ben Barbour.

Kenneth has been active in National Honor Society, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, student council representative, basketball, football, baseball, Band Principal's Merit Award, citizenship and Presidential Scholarship to OPSU.



Sasha Rubio



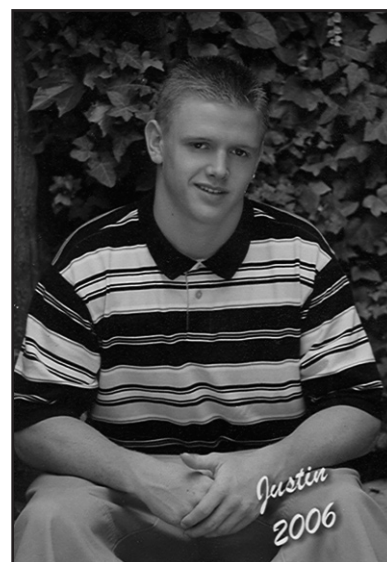
Sasha Rubio is a 2006 graduate of Victory Life Academy, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of Ken and Susan Kozak. She is the granddaughter of Doris Smith and Virgil and Marilyn Smith.

Sasha is graduating as Valedictorian of her senior class.

She plans to attend Oral Roberts University in the fall. She will be majoring in health and exercise science.

"My vision is to teach the world about nutrition, health and fitness so they can live long, strong and satisfied."

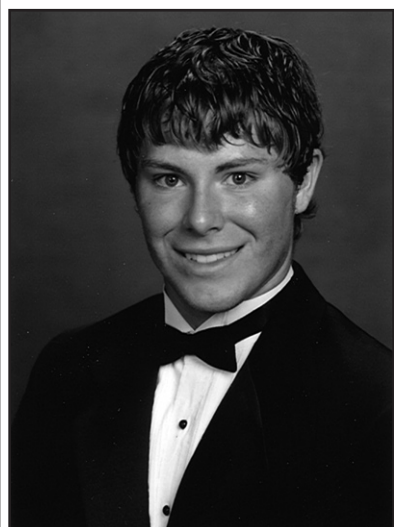
Justin Woodlief



Justin Woodlief is a 2006 graduate of Soquel High School, Santa Cruz, Calif. He is the son of Jeannine Woodlief and Duane Woodlief. He is the grandson Pat Ramey, Frank Woodlief and the late Anita Jenson.

Justin has been active in football playing middle linebacker and tight end. He was named Defensive Player of the Year of 2006 SCCAL All League.

He plans to attend Cabrillo College in Aptos, California, this fall to further his education. Justin will continue to play football in college with hopes of a Division I or II college offer after completing two years of Junior College at Cabrillo.



Edward Murphy

Edward Christopher Murphy is a 2006 graduate of Lockhart High School, Lockhart, Texas. He is the son of Edward and Elizabeth Murphy. He is the grandson of George and Mary Drake and Edward and Betty Murphy.

Edward has been active in football, power lifting and shot put. He was a volunteer for CCD Aide for St. Mary's of The Visitation. His hobbies include: playing guitar, swimming, basketball, camping, archery, fishing and computer adventure games.

He plans to become a pharmacist.

Sarah Lewis

Sarah Lewis is a 2006 graduate of Edmond North High School, Edmond, Okla. She is the daughter of Ellis Ray and Cynthia Lewis. She is the granddaughter of Robert Carl and Lawanda Carol May.

Sarah has been active in Key Club, Edmond North Girls Basketball Association, FCA, *Who's Who Among High School Students*, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Academic Scholars and Henderson Hills Baptist Church Youth Group.

She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma.



Antoinette Rojas



Antoinette Y. Rojas is a 2006 graduate of City View High School, Wichita Falls, Texas. She is the daughter of Tony and Lawana Rojas. She is the granddaughter of Lloyd A. Gillentine and Ida Capes.

Antoinette has been active in basketball, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Honor Society and church. She is ranked fourth in her class and serves as class Vice President.

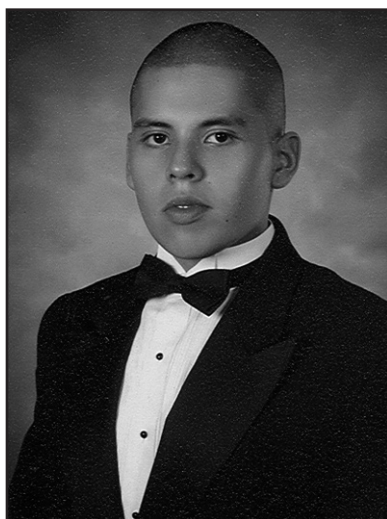
She plans to get her master's in nursing, physical therapy or high school basketball coach.

Marcus Benton

Marcus A. Benton is a 2006 graduate of South Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie, Texas. He is the son of Sammy and Rebecca Benton. He is the grandson of Sammy Benton and Georgia Maytubby.

Marcus is a member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Honor Society, lettered 2 years in football, R.O.T.C. for 3 years, A.G.A.P.E club, and the D-FY-IT club.

He plans to join the U.S. Air Force.



Kresimir Stephens

Kresimir Stephens is a 2006 graduate of Norman High School, Norman Okla. He is the son of Bob and Brenda Stephens. He is the grandson of Robert and Katheryn Howard, Mrs Hazel Gamble and the late Bob J. Stephens.

Kresimir has been a member of the varsity football team as linebacker for three years, he is a two-year letterman in football, three year starter at baseball playing shortstop, right field and center field, two years starter for the bowling team, All State Bowling Team of 2004-2005, All-Regional Bowling Team of 2005-2006, and a one-year letterman in wrestling.

He plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., to play football.



Desmond Stephens



Desmond Stephens is a 2006 graduate of Norman High School, Norman Okla. He is the son of Bob and Brenda Stephens. He is the grandson of Robert and Katheryn Howard, Mrs. Hazel Gamble and the late Bob J. Stephens.

Desmond has been a member of the varsity football team for four years as lineman and D. tackle, two-year letterman in football, varsity baseball team for three years as first baseman, one-year letterman in wrestling and two year starter for the bowling team.

He plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence Kan., and play football for the Fighting Indians.

Kylie McDermott

Kylie Michelle McDermott is a 2006 graduate of Clayton High School, Clayton, N.C. She is the daughter of Kyle Martin McDermott and Irene D. McDermott. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Holland McDermott, Sanford, N.C.

Kylie has been a member of the Principal's Honor Roll for four years, National Honor Society from 2004-2006, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 2003-2006, Interacting Club from 2003-2006, 2003 FCA, volleyball team 2003-2004, 2003 Gold Cup winner, and volunteered at Johnston Memorial Hospital and Relay for Life in 2003-2005.

She plans to attend East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., to become a registered nurse, master in CRNA.



Sonni Turtle



Sonni Dawn Turtle is a 2006 graduate of Kansas High School, Kansas, Okla. She is the daughter of Troy and Caren Turtle. She is the granddaughter of Lloyd and the late Elouise Parnacher, Ada, Okla., and Geraldine and the late Wyley Turtle, Kansas.

Sonni has excelled in several areas academically, socially and spiritually. She has been a member of student council for five years serving as reporter and president, Beta Club, two years as vice president, basketball for four years serving as captain, cross country, four years as captain, track for two years, art gifted for four years, Bible Club, four years and Honorably BPA Member, one year, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, A.P. American History Award, Student Council Reporter Award, Cherokee Baptist Association Princess 2004-2005, 2005-2006, Miss Indian Falls Creek 2005-2006, "Tsa-La-Gi" Trail of Tears Award of Excellence and Cancer Survivor.

Her activities consist of Blood-Drive, Canned Food Drive, Toy Drive for Christmas, raised money for St. Jude Hospital, Disaster Relief Efforts, member

of Twin Oak Baptist Church Youth Mission Trip, vacation Bible school and clothing giveaways.

She plans to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, Okla. She wants to pursue a career in education with a concentration in Special Events Education.

Sonni, we are so very proud of all the accomplishments you have made in your life. I am so glad that we will be celebrating another accomplishment with you as you graduate. We love you, Daddy, Momma, Jo and Nathan.

Kira Kitamura



Kira Kitamura is a 2006 graduate of North Salinas High School, Salinas, Calif. She is the daughter of Bill and Lorrie Kitamura. She is the granddaughter of Kris and Harvey Kitamura and Joyce and Cub Lewis.

Kira has been a member of the varsity swim team for four years serving as captain for two years, varsity tennis for one year, the Japan Club, and interact club.

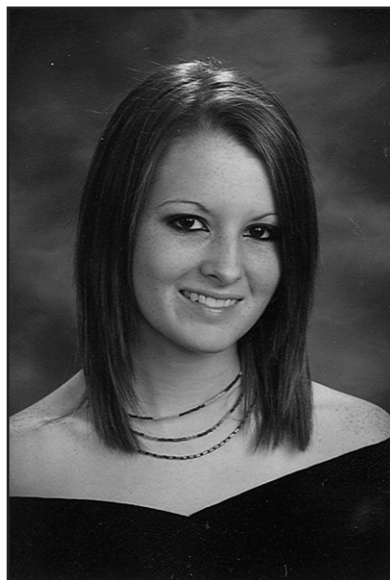
She plans to attend college and then start her career.

Amy Walraven

Amy Nicole Walraven is a 2006 graduate of The Colony High School, The Colony, Texas. She is the daughter of Scott and Lisa Walraven. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Barbara Dalton, Jerald Walraven and Anna Walraven.

She has been active in NCAAll-American Cheerleader for 4 years and a member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

She plans to major in Actuary Science/Mathematics.

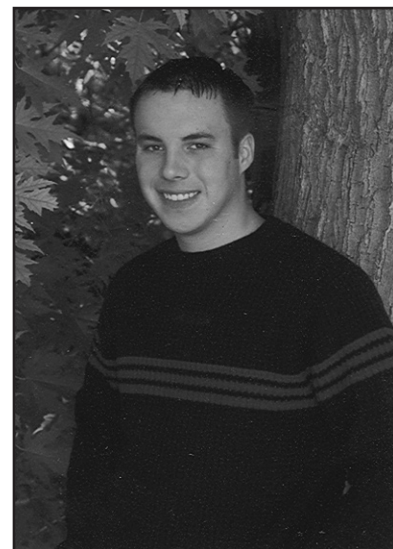


Dalton King

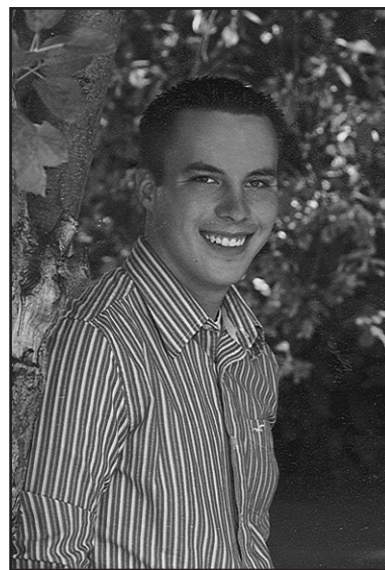
Dalton Eugene King is a 2006 graduate of Berthoud High School, Berthoud, Colo. He is the son of Michael E. and Jill M. King. He is the grandson of Milford E. and Nora J. King.

Dalton has been served as yearbook editor, is a member of track, golf, National Honor Society, foreign language club, Future Leaders of America and FCA. He volunteers for the Salvation Army and Berthoud Living Center.

He plans to attend Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, Okla., where he will get a degree in elementary education.



Marshall King



Marshall Eugene King is a 2006 graduate of Berthoud High School, Berthoud, Colo. He is the son of Michael E. and Jill M. King. He is the grandson of Milford E. and Nora J. King.

Marshall has been active in track, football, FCA, president of his freshmen, sophomore and senior class, the foreign language club, Student Leadership Peer Counseling. He volunteers for Berthoud Living Center and Berthoud Community Coalition for Youth.

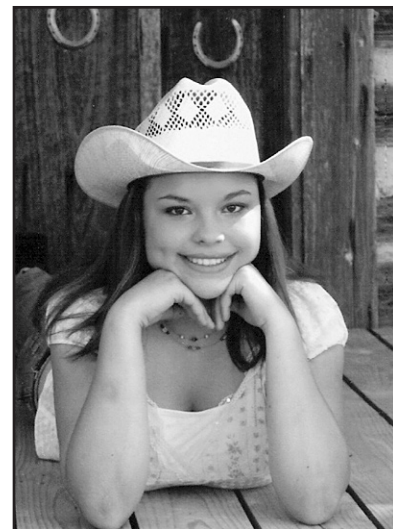
He plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley to pursue a degree in political science.

Ashlie Stick

Ashlie Naoma Stick is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Tammy Lynn Johnson Stick and Roger Stick. She is the granddaughter of Viola Fern Steinkuehler and Semmie Stick, both of Ada. She has two sisters, Kelly Ann Cook, Ada, and Carmon Viola Jones, Wanette, Okla., and a brother, Joshua Isaiah Stick, Ada.

Ashlie was named Chickasaw Female Artist of the Year in her senior year. She is a promising young Native American artist and strives to achieve an education so she can give back to her tribe, the Chickasaw Nation, as a productive individual.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Thank you for all the Chickasaw Graduate submissions. Late arrivals will be published in the June 2006 issue.

Foundation staffers learn effective fundraising during Fundraising Professionals International Conference

Ms. Johnna R. Walker, executive director, and Ms. Tracie Carter, special projects coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, both attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals International Conference in Atlanta on April 1-5.

AFP is an organization for fundraising professionals. The conference's theme was "Conference of Champions" which recognized the many "champions" who distinguish themselves in their work for their organiza-

tions and people they serve. There were more than 125 educational sessions and 300 exhibitors. The guest speaker Sunday night was actress and philanthropist Jane Fonda, and Monday morning's speaker was former Secretary of State Colin Powell.



Johnna Walker, left, and Tracie Carter during a fundraising conference in Atlanta.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan allows tribal employees to help

The Employee Charitable Contribution Plan allows Chickasaw Nation employees the opportunity to donate money to local charities and organizations through the Chickasaw Foundation. Mr. Michael Lewis, an employee of the Chickasaw Nation's Information Technology department, has been donating to the program for a couple of years. "The Employee Charitable Contribution Plan is a great way for employees to support the Chickasaw Foundation, an organization that seeks to promote, preserve and

protect Chickasaw culture. As a contributor to the Foundation, it is a great feeling knowing that my contribution is actively helping others. I am especially proud of the Foundation's support of higher education through its many scholarships. As an employee of the Chickasaw Nation, I feel blessed to work for an organization that truly cares about and values people. Through my contribution, I am able to support the Chickasaw Foundation, which promotes these same values.

Books donated for Children's Fair



Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna R. Walker, right, presented 100 copies of the children's book *The Hunter Who Was Not So Great*, to Vanessa Sawyer, Department of Human Services, for the 2006 Children's Fair.



CHICKASAW FOUNDATION

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2006-2007 Scholarship Application

To promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Please Complete All Items By Printing In Ink - Each Item Must Be Fully Completed

The Chickasaw Foundation is very proud to offer funding assistance for college. Please read each description carefully and place a check in the box next to the scholarship for which you wish to be considered. Each scholarship has requirements that are listed within the description. You are encouraged to select all areas in which you qualify. After completing this page, and the attached application, and providing us with the required documentation, your application shall be reviewed for consideration of funding. All applicants must complete the application and provide the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation shall not be considered. The following is a list of scholarships that you may be considered eligible to receive.

All scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. The award requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. All scholarships applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - June 1st - to be considered for funding.

MAJOR SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <p>☐ Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only. * Junior or senior year in any four-year college. * History major or education or pre-law major with a minor in history (Chickasaw or Native American studies emphasis). * Four - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester). <p>☐ Computercraft Corporation Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. * Undergraduate students. Computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists recruited, however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study. * One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester). <p>☐ Ann Eubank Health Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. * Undergraduate or graduate students. * Student pursuing a pre-approved health care related major. * One - \$500 scholarship. <p>☐ Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. * Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school. * One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester). <p>☐ Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. * Undergraduate or graduate students. * Major in Native American studies, history or education. * One - \$500 scholarship. <p>☐ Judicial Scholarship - Law Student Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.2 or higher. * Undergraduate or law student in an accredited four-year college or university. * Student pursuing a degree in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law or bachelors degree obtained with the intention of pursuing a law degree. * One - \$500 scholarship. <p>☐ Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. * Undergraduate student pursuing a degree in nutrition science, science or liberal arts. * One - \$8,000 scholarship (\$4,000 per semester). <p>☐ Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. * Undergraduate students. * One - \$500 scholarship. <p>☐ Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. * Undergraduate students. * Two - \$1,250 scholarships (\$625 per semester). <p>☐ Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only. * Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college. * Proof of income (most recent filed tax form for financial need). * One - \$500 scholarship. | <p>☐ Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only. * Undergraduate students in any four-year college. * Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking. * One - \$4,000 scholarship (\$2,000 per semester). <p>☐ Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only. * Undergraduate students. * Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking. * Four - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester). <p>☐ Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher. * Undergraduate students. * Major in finance, business or accounting. * One - \$500 scholarship. <p>☐ Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. * Undergraduate students in a four-year college. * Major in education. * One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester). <p>☐ Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. * Undergraduate or graduate students. * Social work or a pre-approved healthcare related major. * One - \$500 scholarship. <p>☐ John Bennett Herrington Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. * Junior or senior year at any four-year college or university. * Student pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, mathematics, chemistry, geophysics, natural science or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees and have a demonstrated interest in space aeronautics. * One scholarship for a maximum of \$10,000 annually, for up to two years. <p>☐ Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Part-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. * Age 25 years or older. * Undergraduate student in an accredited two or four-year college or university. * Major in finance or accounting. * One - \$250 scholarship. <p>☐ Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. * Undergraduate or graduate students. * Two - \$500 scholarships. <p>☐ Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. * Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students. * Two - \$500 scholarships. <p>☐ Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher. * Undergraduate students. * One - \$500 scholarship. |
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The Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship application can be accessed online at www.chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Foundation 2006 Cultural Evening T-Shirt & Flyer Design Contest

Artists of All Ages..... The Chickasaw Foundation is sponsoring a t-shirt and flyer design contest. The winning entry will be the design featured on the Cultural Evening t-shirts. Flyers will also feature the design to promote the annual event. Entries must be on 8 1/2 x 11 unlined paper and in black ink or marker. All entries must be of Native American origin and feature items related to Chickasaw culture (detail should be kept to a minimum for print quality on the t-shirts and flyers).

Entry forms must be completed and attached to the respective entry.

The deadline for entries is Friday, May 26, 2006 at 5 p.m. All entries become the property of the Chickasaw Foundation and we reserve the right to modify drawings as necessary.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: First place — \$100
Second place — \$75
Third place — \$50

Cultural Evening Art Contest Entry Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____ SSN: _____
Parents (if under 18): _____
School: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
Title of Artwork: _____
Narrative/Explanation of Artwork: _____

Students attend Leadership Conference

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Student Leadership Council attended the 29th Annual Upward Bound State Leadership Conference in Tulsa on March 10 and 11.

The conference theme was "In Search of Leaders" and it was hosted by Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Upward Bound program. Students participated in two workshop sessions on leadership and listened to motivational speakers, Kendrick B. Davis, Doctorial Candidate in Educational Psychology and Lindy Waters, Director of American Indian Student Life at OU.

Upward Bound bridge student Jeremy Webb also participated in the talent show playing the guitar and singing a song he wrote. Students attending were Heather Baker, Kim Lewis, Janie Taylor, Stacey Taylor, Alex Tickel, J.R. Wyler, Kayla Lafferty, Crystal Schwartz, Jacob Hubbard and Jeremy Webb.

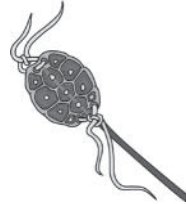
The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program also held a financial aid workshop on March 25 for the seniors who will



Upward Bound student, Kim Lewis, center, and her parents participated in the financial aid workshop recently hosted by the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program. standing is Upward Bound employee Susan Webb.

be bridging over to college this summer by taking two classes at Murray State College (MSC). The Upward Bound program pays all expenses for students to attend MSC the first summer after high school graduation. Students and parents met at MSC's computer lab and applied for admission to the college and also applied for their summer federal financial aid. Students

were also given information on scholarships available as well as scholarship websites. After the workshop students and parents were treated to a lunch at Subway.



Spirits of Hope to meet May 18

ADA, Okla. - The Spirits of Hope Domestic Violence Coalition, formerly known as the Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition, announces the Southeast Region Regular Board Meeting is set for May 18, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Teleconference Room, 231 Seabrook Road in Ada. Special guest speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel.

The mission of the Spirits of Hope Coalition is to educate

Oklahoma tribal communities on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault; empower individuals who have endured and survived domestic violence and/or sexual assault; protect Indian families from domestic violence and sexual assault and advocate a united approach toward the prevention and intervention of domestic violence and sexual assault.

All coalition members and those with an interest in the coalition are invited to attend.

Mocassin Trail Tip of the Month

The best way to achieve permanent weight loss is to make a lifestyle change. The change could be to return to old ways of doing things. Avoid unnecessary labor-saving devices (remote control, power mower etc.). Seek out and employ energy-using devices such as a snow shovel, bicycle or your own two feet. The best advice is never use a machine when you can do it yourself. You will be doing yourself a favor, saving energy (electricity, gas, oil) and reducing pollution, all at the same time.

The Moccasin Trail program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1000 mile goal: Samantha Billy, Yvonne Harper, Christine Lewis, Nadine McDonald, Loyd Ross, Jesse Sandefur, and Leona Taylor. Congrats gals and guys for your success!



**9th Annual
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June 22-25, 2006
Kullihoma Stomp Ground

Thursday, June 22

Camp Day

Friday, June 23

Welcome at 10 a.m.

Demonstrations begin at 10:30 a.m.

Evening meal at 6 p.m.

Social Dance at 8 p.m.

Story Telling at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

Welcome at 10 a.m.

Demonstrations begin at 10:30 a.m.

Meal served at noon

"Loksi" races for all ages at 3 p.m. (bring your own turtle)

Stickball Game at 7 p.m.

Social Dance at 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Stomp Dance begins at midnight

Sunday, June 25

Break camp

Demonstrations are from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and will include:

Stomp Dance	Bow Making	Stomp Dance Dress Making
Blow Gun	Beadwork	Ribbon Shirt Making
Ballstick Making	Chickasaw Language	Beaded Necklace
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Basket Weaving	Finger Weaving	Storytelling
Chunkey	Cooking	Chickasaw Marble Game
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Over 2,200 hosted at April Children's Fair in Ada

The recently completed Children's Fair, coordinated by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Pontotoc County, the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation Health System, was a huge success.

The event was conducted on April 1 at the Pontotoc Agri-Plex in Ada, with 2,200 or more estimated in attendance.

"It just keeps getting bigger and better," said fair co-coordinator Frances Herrod of the OKDHS.

The fair takes place each year in celebration of Child Abuse Prevention Month, all of April, and Week of the Young Child, April 2-8.

"Four children die per day in the United States as a result of abuse or neglect but it doesn't have to be that way," stated Deanna Carpitche of the Chickasaw Nation Health System,

"there are many programs and people willing to help. Many of those programs had booths at the fair."

The fair included entertainment, demonstrations, clowns, rides, game booths and contests as well as special appearances by Smokey the Bear and Daren the Lion.

Another successful part of the fair was the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Baby Party. This event is a celebration of the babies born at Carl Albert in the past calendar year.

Several booths provided information regarding child abuse and neglect, ways to prevent child abuse and neglect and various programs to help families.

For more information about how to prevent child abuse and neglect, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4532.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Smokey the Bear was one of many characters who stopped by to visit kids at the Children's Fair in Ada.



Children's Fair activities included train rides, inflatables, games, treasure hunts, dinosaur digs, crafts, photo booths and more.



As part of the Children's Fair festivities, Ada's Stage Department Store provided spring and summer clothing for a children's fashion show on center stage.

Photos contributed by Tracy Vesels, digital design & development.



Local businesses and organizations lined the Children's Fair with booths offering everything from face painting, faux tattoos, hair color and balloons to healthy snacks, health checks and finger printing.

Historic Burney Institute purchased

The Chickasaw Nation recently closed the transaction obtaining the historical site of Burney Institute, a boarding school for scores of Chickasaw children in the late 1800s and early 1900s located near Lebanon, Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and land owner Lila Jean Robertson signed papers on March 28 to finalize the sale of the property which has been in the Chickasaws' history since 1860 and Mrs. Robertson's family for 90 years.

"We are very pleased this historic piece of the Chickasaw story is returning to our tribe," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Many Chickasaws living today have ancestors who lived, worked and attended school at Burney. Burney represents the tribe's historic commitment to education, and to its children."

Established by an 1854 Act of the Chickasaw Council,

Burney Institute first began housing children in 1860. Originally a school for Chickasaw girls and classic education, the school, in 1872, began accepting Chickasaw boys. The students were taught agriculture and horticulture, while girls learned homemaking, sewing, knitting,

cooking and housekeeping.

Burney Institute is located approximately one and one-half miles east of Lebanon near State Highway 32 in Marshall County. The historic property contains the two-story brick school, plus the first floor of the three-floor school dormitory.

The dormitory has been converted into living quarters, but the school building is much as it was at the end of the 19th Century. Restoration of the buildings is planned.



Lila Jean Robertson presents Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby with the deed to property located near Lebanon, Oklahoma. The land is home to the historic Chickasaw Burney Institute, a boarding school for Chickasaw boys and girls in the late 1800s and early 1900s.



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March 2006 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for March 2006 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades 1 through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month in the Tishomingo District are **Traci Kite** and **Steve Seals**, Ravia Elementary and **Michael Cheairs**, Ravia Jr. High.

"Traci Kite is a very sweet person," said Debbie Akins. "She is always trying to find ways to improve herself and to help others."

"Steve Seals is a very shy and very quiet child," said Debbie Akins. "He is also a very sweet boy."

"Michael Cheairs is a very quiet boy," said Debbie Akins. "He has really improved over the past couple of years in his grades and in all of his achievements."

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Megan Gains** and **Nick Waters**, Plainview Elementary. **Shytana Johnson** and **Dalton Smith**, Fox Jr. High, **Heleigh McKinzie**, Plainview High School.



Meagan Gaines

"She is just so much fun to be

around and I know she would be thrilled. She is such a bright, sunny personality bouncing around the school building, smiling at everyone. She is seldom anything but bounce and pleasant. I have enjoyed tutoring Meagan and typing her name on our honor roll list. What a joy she is to know."

"Shytana Johnson has been through much physical suffering, but she has a great attitude and she displays a genuine regard for others," said R. Pevehouse. "She is a good student and she very much deserves to be recognized for her accomplishments. We expect her to accomplish more in the next few years she has in school."

"Nick Waters is a very bright young man, with a twinkle in his eye and a kind word on his lips," said Kim Wood. "He has a wonderful sense of humor and is very polite. He does not like to have homework and does his best to complete all of his work at school. He is well liked by his peers and is a delight to have in class. I have learned more from Nick than he has learned from me. I am sure someday Nick will do great things. He is a honor roll student and a good example for his peers."



Nick Waters



Dalton Smith

"As Dalton Smith's counselor, I am very pleased that he was selected the Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month," said Rozella Pevehouse. "Dalton is a fine young man, very dedicated to his schoolwork and his behavior is exemplary. He has a great attitude and we are very proud of him."

"Haleigh McKinzie is a very responsible young lady and pays attention to detail," said Kim Woods. "She is very concerned about her grades and always finds time to help others. She has a very bouncy personality and is a fun person to be with. She is respectful of her peers and her teachers. Please



Haleigh McKinzie

consider Haleigh for Student of the Month."

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Tierra McAlpin**, Wapanucka Elementary, **Isaiah Ott**, Latta Elementary, **JaLeigh Lawson**, and **Sheldon Bond**, Latta Jr. High, **Kristen Lee**, Lexington High, **Lance Jolly**, Wynnewood High.



Tierra McAlpin

"Tierra McAlpin is very hard working. She puts forth great effort everyday," said Amanda Sussman. "Tierra is a well rounded student, she participates in a lot of extra curricular activities and still maintains a great grade point average."

"Isaiah Ott is a good candidate for the Student of the Month," said Fran Cantwell. "Isaiah is a good student. He does his work well, His behavior is great. He gets along well with others and is a good sport. I believe Isaiah deserves this honor."



Isaiah Ott

"JaLeigh Lawson is a very

smart, nice and well liked young lady," said Terry Painter. "JaLeigh is involved in many things that keep her very busy. I feel JaLeigh is very deserving of this honor."

"Kristen Lee is a sophomore at Lexington High School. She is hardworking and dedicated to her school work," said Meredith Jones. "She is ranked sixteenth out of one hundred and four sophomores. She continues to challenge herself with a tough class schedule. She is active in vocal, cheerleader and her youth group at church. She has good attendance and demonstrates responsibility. She is a very polite and respectful young lady. Her pleasant disposition will aid her in her chosen professional path as a Nurse. Kristen is very deserving of this Student of the Month honor."

"Sheldon Bond is a very nice young man with many good qualities," said Terry Painter.



JaLeigh Lawson

"Sheldon is very well liked by his peers and teachers. Sheldon is one of the nicest young men I have ever been around. He is very well mannered and is a pleasure to work with. I feel that Sheldon is a very deserving of this award."



Sheldon Bond

"I have had the pleasure of knowing, working and having Lance Jolly in class for the past four years," said Tanya Lowrance. "Lance has proven himself as a leader. He does not walk away from responsibility and is very task oriented. Lance is very intelligent and a joy to be around. In class he completes his work and is very dedicated to doing the best he can. I have also worked with Lance on several occasions including extracurricular activities such as homecoming. He is very organized and works hard on any projects he starts. I feel that Lance is very deserving of this award."



Lance Jolly

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Choctaw storyteller Stella Long featured at OKCMCCC meeting



Stella Dyer Long

Choctaw Storyteller Stella Dyer Long will be the guest speaker at the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council May 2. Stella was trained in the art of storytelling as a student in Oral Literature through the University of Oklahoma Continuing Education, Summers in Santa Fe. She was awarded Contemporary Storyteller of the Year, 2002 by Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers & Storytellers.

Upon announcing the speaker, Chair Giles stated, "Stella is a friend to all wild creatures and has many stories that will fascinate our members. Scheduling Stella is another step in contributing to the Native American efforts of preserving our traditions and heritage. This is also an excellent opportunity for our Council to introduce the art of storytelling to their children."

OKCMCCC monthly meetings begin with social time at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. The Council building is located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org. Come early and stay late for fellowship with other OKC Metro Chickasaws and a chance to meet the award-winning storyteller Stella Long.

Chickasaw student named All-American Scholar, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society member

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has announced that Tamra Shackelford of Noble, Okla., has been named an All-American Scholar.

All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher Grade Point Average (GPA). The USAA has established this program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

Tamra was recently accepted into the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. Members must have a 3.9 GPA, be of Native American descent, demonstrate leadership abilities, and be involved in cultural activities. She was also recently accepted into *Who's Who Among American*

High School Students. She has been selected to be a representative from Purcell (OK) High School to attend Oklahoma's Girls State. Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion and will be on the University of Oklahoma campus in June. Tamra was chosen as a player for this year's fast pitch and slow pitch All Star Conference Softball Teams. Her team won both fast pitch and slow pitch district tournaments this year. She attends Purcell High School where she is junior class vice-president.

Tamra is the daughter of Randy and Karla Shackelford.

She is the granddaughter of



Tamra Shackelford

Everett and Octavia Shackelford of Noble and Porter and Sue McDaniel of Fox, Okla.



KYKC's 'Take A Kid Fishing' set for June 3

ADA, Okla. - KYKC, a tribally owned radio station, announces June 3 as the date for the annual "Take a Kid Fishing," an Ada, Okla., community event.

Take a Kid Fishing will take place at the Ada Elks Lodge lake, with registration and sign-in starting at 8 a.m. Fishing starts at 9 a.m., with lunch and refreshments served at 11 a.m.

The event is free but parents must register their kids at any KYKC live remote broadcast or with an official entry. Bait will be provided to all participants as well as the chance to win prizes, including a two-man fishing boat provided by Dr Pepper, tickets to Six Flags Over Texas and other prizes.

For more information, contact Pete Roper at KYKC at (580) 436-1616 or drop by the main studios at 1019 N. Broadway, Ada, OK.

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Bring lawn chairs.

There is a covered area in case of rain.

Fishing, paddle boat, canoe rentals are available. Santee Lakes is within 60 minutes or less of several San Diego attractions. You may wish to plan your weekend in the area. Please call Santee Lakes (619) 596-3141 for information regarding fishing, camping and RV.

Plans are being made for members of the Chickasaw Legislature to attend.

Directions: Take the 5 freeway South to 52 East to Mast Blvd. Exit. Go left at the offramp and under the freeway to Fanita Parkway, turn right on Fanita Parkway and drive to Carlson Oaks Blvd. Turn right to entrance to the lake. The 52 goes up a mountain.

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'Its About Money'

'The numbers game' is important when it's your credit score



By **ROSS HILL**
CEO
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Nothing says summer like little league baseball. Aspiring major leaguers take instruction from those whose hopes of the big leagues have faded. The innocence of the game soon gives way as T-ball players grow into to young adults. The game gets more serious and the score

becomes even more important. The challenge is keeping it fun in the process.

Have you ever noticed how baseball and life have a lot in common? Detroit Tigers Sports-caster Ernie Harwell once said, "Baseball is a lot like life. It's a day-to-day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life."

As we grow older life gets more serious and the score becomes even more important. We keep track of our progress in many ways. Life becomes a numbers game. Too often we measure our success by the size of the car we drive or the number of zeros at the end of our paycheck.

There are numbers that are more important than others. They have a way of affecting our quality of life. Many Native

Americans struggle with diabetes. Keeping a close watch on blood sugar numbers is critical for many in Indian Country.

The number of times we smile in a day or how often we express our love is a challenge for many of us. It is all too easy to assume those that we care for know just how much we love them.

Who among us hasn't watched the numbers on the scale as we watch the numbers on the dial rise higher and higher? Thoughts of fitting into our summer attire motivate us to pull out our walking shoes.

As you might expect numbers are important parts of my job as the President-CEO of Bank2. One of those numbers that affects our quality of life is called a credit score. When it comes to getting a loan for a vehicle or new home, lenders have several factors that they consider when

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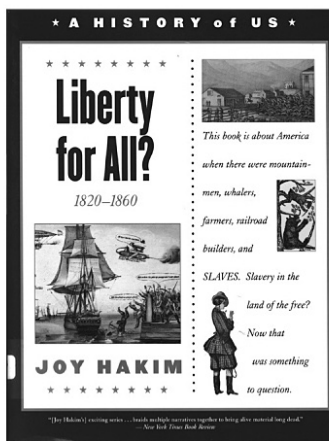
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Tuscumbia



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The historic financial split of the Chickasaws and Choctaws

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

When you read an item in the *Chickasaw Times* about land that is jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, the thrust usually involves a land transaction or more likely a lease agreement that requires the approval of both legislatures. If it involves a lease, you may see that earnings are paid at a ratio of three-fourths to the Choctaws and one-fourth to the Chickasaws--no matter where the land is located. Perhaps you have wondered about how these practices got started.

The earliest origin (having nothing to do with legalities) could be traced to both tribes' migration stories, in which the people followed a divinely inspired leaning pole to their new home in the east. Following a dispute over their final destination, one leader, Chikasha, led a minority of the people to a new home while the other leader, Chata, remained in place with the majority. In more modern versions of the story, about one-fourth of the people followed Chikasha while three-fourths remained with Chata. The two tribal populations remained roughly the same over the centuries.

In historic times, the origin of the practices can be traced to the United States' success in removing the tribes from their Southeastern homelands. When Congress passed the Indian Removal Act in 1830, the fate of the Choctaws and Chickasaws in their historic homelands was sealed. That same year, most of the Choctaws were removed to their new home west of the Mississippi River. It took the Chickasaws seven years longer to find a home and negotiate removal terms with the U.S. and relocation terms with the Choctaws at Doaksville in 1837.

This Doaksville treaty didn't satisfy either tribe, and was akin to a shot-gun wedding arranged by the U.S. In the view of the U.S. president and Congress, and the states of Mississippi and Alabama, the Chickasaws already had delayed too long in removing to a new home in the west.

It was time to get down to business. But the Choctaw lead-

ership did not want to relinquish any of their land and the Chickasaws didn't want to surrender their sovereignty. To avoid both circumstances directly, the wording of some provisions of the treaty was necessarily vague and ambiguous.

When the Chickasaws paid the Choctaws \$530,000, they bought an undefined interest in the Choctaw lands in Indian Territory that had been ceded to the tribe by the U.S. in 1830. So the Choctaw leaders could not be blamed by tribal members for selling their land that was ceded to the tribe following their removal from their ancient homeland in modern-day east-central Mississippi.

When the Chickasaw leadership agreed to relocate the tribe in 1837, a provision of the Doaksville treaty allowed them to establish a Chickasaw district in the central portion of the Choctaw land. But other provisions permitted Chickasaws and Choctaws to settle anywhere in the Choctaw Nation and stated that Choctaws and Chickasaws held equal status and could run for seats in the Tribal Council.

Was this a loss of sovereignty? Yes, but such negativity wasn't mentioned in the treaty and its wording didn't indicate that Chickasaws would be subjugated inside the Choctaw Nation. Furthermore, both Choctaws and Chickasaws would control their own funds, subject to U.S. approval. It seems that the U.S. may have wanted the Chickasaws to be gradually amalgamated into the larger tribe. But if so, U.S. diplomats didn't understand the history of their relationship.

Although I don't have documented evidence from 1837, I believe members of both tribes still harbored resentments or worse against certain clans or factions from generations of prior warfare. It wasn't that long before, that some warriors would pursue their enemies relentlessly, up to hundreds of miles, seeking blood revenge. Around 1800, tribal leaders had legislated against blood revenge, but doubtless some individual warriors had long memories and a desire to fight and avenge the murder of certain ancestors.

This long history of hostility played a role in the Chickasaw

leaders seeking changes in their political circumstances. But a greater motivator than revenge was the fact that the Chickasaws, unlike the Choctaws, Creeks and Cherokees, had given up their sovereignty.

In time, this fueled Chickasaw nationalism. By 1848, most Chickasaws were living in the Chickasaw District and a strong political leadership had essentially replaced the ancient chiefs and clan form of government. The new leadership of the Chickasaw District had drafted a relatively simple constitution, granting their district a two-branch governing body. This was a sign that they were preparing for political separation. They couldn't completely dissolve that relationship because they both had rights to the land and neither tribe wanted to move again.

In 1855 Chickasaw and Choctaw commissioners met in Washington, D.C. for the "readjustment of their relations to each other and to the United States." The Chickasaws were represented by Edmund Pickens and Sampson Folsom. The Choctaw delegation was headed by Peter Pitchlynn.

The treaty that developed is a complicated document that will be described in more length in an article that will appear this July in preparation for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the 1856 Constitution. Suffice to say now that the 1855 treaty changed the political connection between the two tribes. Each became a single and separate political entity.

By paying the Choctaws \$150,000, the Chickasaws gained clear title to the land that was formerly the Chickasaw District and would henceforth be independent Chickasaw territory (and a year later the Chickasaw Nation). The western portion of the Choctaw Nation was to be held in common by both tribes and leased by the U.S. as a reserve for certain other tribes.

The lease payment was to be divided at a ratio of three-fourths for the Choctaws and one-fourth for the Chickasaws. This was the first time that the ratio had been defined and accepted by both tribes. Although the treaty doesn't name the basis for the ratio, Chickasaw Glenda Galvan

notes that the Choctaw Nation had four districts, three Choctaw districts and one Chickasaw District. Another possibility was population. It was uniformly recognized by Europeans in the 18th century that there were three to five times more Choctaws than Chickasaws.

According to Peter H. Wood, who has studied native populations extensively, the Chickasaws in 1790 numbered an estimated 3,100 while Choctaws numbered more than 18,000. When the tribal rolls were finalized in the early 20th century, the Choctaws had a population that was very close to three times larger than the Chickasaw.

At any rate, the ratio in the 1855 treaty set a precedent that was included in subsequent treaties and congressional acts. Between 1898 and 1929, the U.S. collected more than \$34 million from the sale or disposition of the common properties of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. The money was deposited into the U.S. Treasury and credited to the respective tribes, three-fourths to the Choctaws and one-fourth to the Chickasaws, and disbursed to tribal members on that basis.

That same ratio has been used ever since to pay the tribes for land held in common on so-called treaty land. This means land granted to the Choctaws by the U.S. via the (removal) treaty of 1830 and then the Chickasaws by the (separation)

Treaty of 1855.

After the American Civil War, the three-fourths—one fourth ratio provided for in Article 10 of the 1855 treaty was restated and reaffirmed with both tribes in the Treaty of 1866. Furthermore, Article 33 stated that all of the jointly held land was subject to the "joint control of their legislative authorities."

After Oklahoma statehood in 1907, hundreds of thousands of acres of this mainly unallotted land was retained by the tribes. It had not been allotted to tribal members for various reasons. Some of the land was for cemeteries and schools, some contained coal or asphalt or timber, or was judged to be poor farm land. By 1950, the great majority of the jointly owned mineral land and timber land had been sold to the federal government or private companies.

But the tribes still jointly own thousands of acres of the remainder of this land. While most of it is located in the Choctaw Nation, portions of the land are leased by the tribes for oil and gas drilling, sand and gravel, livestock grazing and even a few small businesses. Revenue from these leases is paid to the tribes at the same ratio that was agreed upon and signed by the tribal leaders on June 22, 1855.

Persons with questions or comments may contact Richard Green at rgreen26@cox.net or (405) 947-5020.

Dance troupe at state capitol



The Chickasaw Dance Troupe performed at "International Students Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol. The Troupe was invited by Rep. Lisa J. Billy, Chickasaw, who is pictured at far left.

Chickasaw selected law student association president



Daron Carreiro

ALBUQUERQUE – Members of the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) elected new executive board members, April 7, 2006 during the NNALSA annual conference hosted in conjunction with the 31st Annual Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference.

Members selected Chickasaw tribal member Daron Carreiro to serve as President for 2006-2007. Mr. Carreiro grew up in Tulsa, Okla., attended high school in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Dartmouth College in 2002 with a B.A. in Native American Studies and Geography. During his undergraduate summers, Daron worked for the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the U.S., Charles W. Blackwell, and upon graduation returned to the Ambassador's office as full-time staff. He is currently a J.D. candidate at Columbia Law School in New York City. During his law school summers, he worked for law firms in Tulsa, Anchorage, and Washington, D.C.

"The NNALSA membership has elected a great group of

people and I look forward to working with them to improve the organization, its work in Indian law, and its service to Indian country," Mr. Carreiro said.

He said there was much work to be done, including working on a national job fair, organizing moot court and writing competitions, and raising the profile of Native Americans legal issues.

NNALSA was founded in 1970 to promote the study of federal Indian law and to support Native American students in law school. NNALSA strives to reach out to Native communities and encourage Native people to pursue legal education. Members of the organization include law students and alumni from across the U.S. For information, visit www.nationalnalsa.org.

JOM challenge bowl champs



The Vanoss (OK) JOM academic team recently won the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education challenge bowl. Members competing were, back row from left, Billie Mobley, Nick Drannon, Cason Laxton, and sponsor John Impson. Front row from left, Stephanie Barnett and Kaci Burk.

Directory initiated for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to The Chickasaw Times, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission: _____ Regional Chickasaw Council: _____

Company Name: _____

Parent Company name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email address: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Owner's Title: _____

Other contact person: _____

Brief description of product/services (be specific): _____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation
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10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-051 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-053, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-053. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-053 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker announced that General GR23-054, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County and GR23-055, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County was withdrawn. She concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright stated the director of Heritage Preservation announced that approximately 50 people would be traveling to the homelands for a tour. A report of that trip will be addressed at next month's meeting.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 23-003, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 2 Section 8-204

of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Filing Fee; Voter Lists)

This resolution amends Section 8-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding filing fees and Voter Lists. Mr. Woods noted the filing fees were increased from \$250 to \$500 for Legislative and Judicial candidates and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for each gubernatorial candidate team. The word "diskettes" was amended to "CDs" and the computer format was amended from "Windows 3/1 or Windows 95 or current" to "current software."

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR23-003. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Mr. Seawright stated that he would not support this resolution because he felt that by increasing the filing fees it would deter citizens from participating in tribal government.

A roll call was taken on PR23-003.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

7 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR23-003 carried.

Permanent Resolution Number 23-004, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 10 Section 2-1031.2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Election Commission)

This resolution amends the language regarding the qualifications of Election Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR23-004. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve PR23-00 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes announced

that an organizational meeting for the Dallas/Ft. Worth community council would be held Saturday. He encouraged Legislators to pass ordinances to create a business code and a corporation act.

Mr. Mike Watson thanked the

Legislature for the children's clothing grant, he commented on per capita payments, expressed a need for a senior site and a van for the Ardmore senior citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-061

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land located in the N/2 of the SW/4 of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range Three West, Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said

N/2 SW/4; Thence South 00°15'44" East along the West line of said N/2 of said SW/4, a distance of 140.33 feet to a point on the south Right-of-way line for State Highway 9, and being the point of beginning; Thence North 86°12'48" East along said South Right-of-way line a distance of 1584.15 feet; Thence South 00°15'44" East a distance of 256.49 feet; Thence North 89°43'02" East a distance of 418.85 feet; Thence North 00°15'44" West a distance of 260.00 feet to the point of the said South Right-of-way line; Thence North 89°43'02" East along said Right-Of-Way a distance of 637.34 feet to a point on the East line of said N/2 SW/4; Thence South 00°12'03" East along said east line a distance of 1277.76 feet to the Southeast corner of said N/2 S W/4; Thence South 89°41'18" West along the South line of the N/2

S W/4 a distance of 2410.77 feet; Thence North 00°15'44" West a distance of 208.70 feet; Thence South 89°41'18" West a distance of 208.70 feet; Thence South 00°15'44" East a distance of 208.70 feet to a point on said South line of N/2 SW/4; Thence South 89°41'18" West along said South line a distance of 16.50 feet to the Southwest corner of N/2 SW/4; Thence North 00°15'44" West along the West line of said N/2 SW/4 a distance of 1178.76 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 72.00 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the most reasonable acquisition price and purchase the tract of land described herein. It also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution is presented as "Emergency Legislation" because it regards land needed for parking at the new River Mist Casino scheduled to open the end of June. The current facility does not allow for adequate parking, which could result in the loss of revenue for the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

No votes: Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 23-062

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma, described as: A part of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 3 West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing approximately 5.00 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the most reasonable acquisition price and purchase the tract of land described herein. It also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution is presented as "Emergency Legislation" because it regards land needed for parking at the new River Mist Casino scheduled to open the end of June. The current facility does not allow for adequate parking, which could result in the loss of revenue for the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

No votes: Donna Hartman



Robert Bell

Funeral services for Robert Brian Bell, 47, were April 10, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church of Weatherford with Doyle Warren and Lynn Brack officiating. Burial followed in Hydro (OK) Masonic Cemetery. He died April 5, 2006 at his home in Hydro, Okla.

Mr. Bell was born to Bill and Mary Elizabeth (Crouch) Bell on June 4, 1958 in Clinton, Okla.

He was raised in Weatherford, and Del Rio, Texas. He attended the Weatherford School Systems. In 1975 he began farming with Burl Taylor. He was still very active in farming and operated Owl Photo for the past two years. He loved the outdoors, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Beth Lantz of Weatherford; his father, Bill Bell and wife Cathy of Weatherford; fiancé, Karen Choate of Hydro; two sons, Brandon Bell of Weatherford, and Bryce Bennett Bell of Edmond, Okla.; two brothers, William Bennett Bell, and Brent Bell and wife Lezley all of Weatherford.

Ludie Wallace

Ludie Vanie Wallace died March 24, 2006. Graveside service and burial with military honors were March 28, 2006 at the Duncan Cemetery with the Rev. George Witter officiating.

Mr. Wallace was born April 22, 1921 to Susie Alice Goins Wallace and George Washington Wallace at home in the Goins community which was named for his grandfather, Reuben Calvin Goins. He grew up and attended school in the Goins School System. He helped his father on the farm.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army, 4th Infantry serving in the European Theater. He served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He fought on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He earned a good conduct medal, World War Victory ribbon, EAME Theater ribbon, four Bronze Service Stars, American Theater ribbon and received a Purple Heart for his wounds.

He served as a combat infantryman, light truck driver and was discharged at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas on Dec. 13,

1945.

In 1946 he came to Duncan where his brother-in-law, Carl Hall, was working as a tool pusher. He taught him to be a roughneck on a drilling rig. He met Mary Harmon and they were married Jan. 11, 1947, in Henrietta, Texas.

They lived in Duncan where their children, David and Nikki were born. In 1956 they moved to Claud, a small community in eastern Stephens (OK) County. He was on the school board there taking an interest in all community projects.

After eight years at Claud, he was transferred to Tussy in northern Carter (OK) County. In 1978 he and Mary bought a home in Ratliff City, Okla. He helped organize the Ratliff City VFW where he became a life member. He also had life memberships in the Amvets and National Order of Trench Rats.

In 2001 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and after some time with the VA, he started getting help from the Chickasaw Nation, including medication, nurse visits, house cleaning to assist his wife who was his caretaker, outside work and home repair. He was very grateful for the care and would have liked to express his thanks.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Nikki Garrett and David Wallace; four sisters, Ella Hall, Oklahoma City, Velda Graham, Broken Arrow, Wanda Farrow and Shirley Duncan, Purcell, Okla.; two brothers, Bob Wallace, Purcell, and Clarence Wallace, Moore, Okla.

Christine Smith

Christine Ann Smith, 31, died Jan. 1, 2006. She was born Nov. 15, 1974 to Stan and Carolyn Smith at Bakersfield, Calif. She was raised in Bakersfield.

She and her family lived in Visalia for five years where she made many friends including Julie Iskenderian and Chris Barnhart before they moved back to Bakersfield where she graduated from North High School in 1993.

In 2005 she moved to Kansas City to live with her brother Randall and his family, and was working for the local school district.

She is survived by a large and loving family, parents, Stan and Carolyn Smith; brothers, Ron Dyer and wife, Bonnie, Randall Dyer and wife Gloria, Brad Smith and wife, Holley; sisters, Cindy Grider and husband, Grant and Shawn Raymond and husband, Chuck; nieces and nephews, Meagan and Ronnie Dyer, Heather and Jessica Crowe, Emily and Julia Dyer, Amanda and Ooley Grider, Amber, Ali and Carli Amith, Alexis, Amanda, Danial, and Taylor Raymond; grandparents, Faye and Forrest Smith, and Edna Smith; aunts and uncles, Mike and Janice Silas, Margaret Silas, Rosie and George VeVea, Edith and Harold Murdock, Jimmy and Dianne Smith, Vickie Gonzalez, Larry and Peggy Smith; cousins, Michael, Robert and Stuart Silas, Steven Hughes, Anndee Perkins, Audree Tiner,

Adam VeVea, Michael and Craig Murdock, Donna Little, Cassie Duncan, Matthew Smith, Keisha and David Gonzalez, Jennifer, Amy and Jason Smith, as well as numerous second cousins and many friends.

Family was everything to Christy and she was everything to us! We will all miss her so much.

Funeral services and a celebration of Christy's life were Jan. 7, 2006 at Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Monette Greenwood

Services for Monette "Lattie" Greenwood, 87, Fittstown, Okla., were April 14, 2006 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, the Revs. Pete Wall and Elbert Olive will officiate. Burial followed at Hickory Hill Cemetery. Wake services were April 13, 2006 at Hickory Hill Baptist Church.

She died April 11, 2006, at a local hospital. She was born Oct. 20, 1918, at Hickory Hill, near Fittstown, to Jackson Greenwood and Mamie Thom. She attended Franks School.

In her early adult years, she was employed in the home of the Marion Fenton family of Ada. She attended Hickory Hill Baptist Church all her life and was baptized in the creek near the church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mamie Thom; grandparents, Wilson and Acye Thom; her brother, Buster Greenwood, Sr.; and a nephew, Joe Greenwood.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Lorene Greenwood, Fittstown; niece, Juhree Greenwood, Fittstown; nephew, Buster Greenwood, Jr. and his daughter Rebecca; and a niece, Pat Greenwood.

Bearers were Ramona Chapman, Kimberlie Chapman, Monette "Lynie" Richardson, Neeahtha Humphers, Rachel Wedlow, Summer Stick, Dohna Logan, Theea Stephens, Sonya Tiger and Terie Chapman.

Honorary bearers will be Tashina Chapman, Amanda Neal, Rebecca Greenwood, Tannish Humphers and Jaime Seals.

The family says those who wish may make memorials to Hickory Hill Baptist Church, 23090 CR 1590, Fitzhugh, OK 74843.

Note of Thanks

Often times in life we receive unexpected acts of kindness delivered by people who drift into and out of our lives. On Monday, April 10, 2006 our family was the fortunate recipients of such gracious acts.

Our beloved elder, Monette "Lattie" Greenwood, had been in Carl Albert hospital for several weeks. On Monday afternoon she took a turn for the worse. Aunt Lattie went home to reap her rewards in Heaven on Tuesday morning, April 11, 2006.

During her last hours, the staff of Carl Albert hospital could not have been more compassionate and thoughtful. From the Food Service personnel, Housekeeping and Security Staff to the Medical and Nursing staff, the outpouring of kindness and courtesy was so very sincere.

The family of Monette Greenwood would like to thank each and every one of you. In our greatest time of sorrow, your words and actions were a great comfort to all of us.

Thank you and God bless each of you,

The family of Monette "Lattie" Greenwood



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Chris Rutledge



Services for Chris "Mamma Chris" Rutledge of Ardmore, Okla., were March 20, 2006 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla., with the Rev. Donny Custar and Dr. Morgan Ashworth officiating. Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. She died March 17, 2006.

She was born April 16, 1924 in Berwyn, Okla., to George and Lorena Brown Elmore.

She married Randy Rutledge on July 4, 1941 in Ardmore.

She loved quilting, baking, family and Friday mornings at the beauty shop. She attended Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ardmore.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers; three sisters; and a grandson.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; a daughter, Connie West and husband, Ed, Ardmore; two sons, Jamie and wife, Charlotte, and David and wife, Mary Ann, all of Ardmore; a sister, Faye Grounds, Lone Grove; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and special friends, Nora Lee and Smokie Whitehead.

Bearers were her grandsons, Greg, Jeff and James Rutledge, Carl West, Richard Geurin and Josh Moore.

Joshua Imotichey

Funeral services for Joshua D. Imotichey, 75, Lawton, were Dec. 2, 2005 at Comanche Nation Funeral Home with the Rev. Videll Yackeschi officiating. He died Nov. 28, 2005 at an Oklahoma City medical center. Burial took place in Walters City Cemetery.

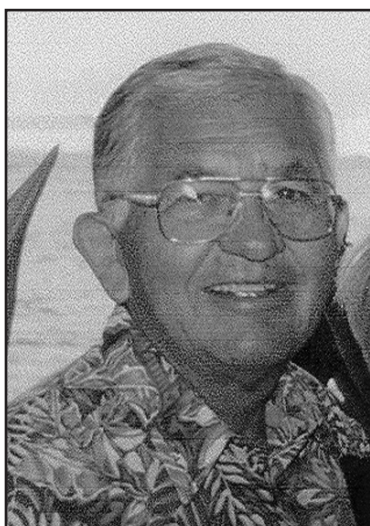
Mr. Imotichey was born Aug. 12, 1930, in Fillmore, Okla., to David M. Imotichey and Mable Seeley.

He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation. He served honorably in the United States Army during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and retired in 1969 as a staff sergeant. He was a member of the Oklahoma Gourd Dance Club, the Esa Rosa Whitewolf Descendants, Comanche War Dance Society and the What's Happening Gourd Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Imotichey, of the home; four grandchildren, Richanda Mable Banderas, Uriah Earl Banderas, David Richard Banderas and Teala Anne Banderas all of Lawton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Anabelle Imotichey.

John Maytubby



Services for John Wesley Maytubby were March 29, 2006 at Hillcrest Memorial Chapel, Bakersfield, Calif., with Pastor Milt Cole officiating.

He was born April 8, 1938 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Maytubby attended school in the Lamont School District and graduated with the class of 1956 at Arvin High School. He attended Fresno State before returning to his home town of Lamont.

He started his banking career at the East Bakersfield branch of Crocker Anglo Bank in July of 1958. He worked and managed various offices in the Valley: Fresno, Porterville, Modesto and most recently, Visalia, retiring from Wells Fargo in 1996. Wanting to complete a personal career goal of 40 years in banking, he immediately returned to the banking industry and

achieved that goal in July 1998. Choosing to be closer to their family, he and his wife Pattie moved to Bakersfield.

He is survived by his wife Pattie (Sands); two sons, Craig and Mark and wife Nancy; three grandchildren, Malinda, Travis and Hailey, all of Bakersfield; two brothers, Morris Maytubby and wife, Joann, of Bakersfield, Bill Maytubby and wife Sue of Hanford, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris J. and Elsie Maytubby.

He was very proud of his Chickasaw/Choctaw heritage, being a roll member of the Chickasaw Nation and having been appointed Honorary Chief by Governor Overton James in 1987.

"Slappy" as he was known affectionately by his family (a name given to him in reference to his golf game), was happiest when surrounded by his family, whether on the golf course, sharing family dinners, or enjoying the many activities of the grandchildren. He enjoyed his favorite moments with his wife, sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. Many good times were spent with his close friends.

Always a comic, he was a favorite with the kids and how they loved his jokes.

He was a blessing to all who knew him. Oh, how we will miss our favorite guy.

Juanita Callahan

Juanita K. Callahan, 67, died Oct. 1, 2005. A memorial service was Oct. 5, 2005 at Lakeshore Mortuary in Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. Callahan was born Feb. 27, 1938 to John W. and Agnes Harris in Phoenix, Ariz.

She married Robert W. Callahan and they had two children.

She lived a full life in Forest Lakes and in Tonto Basin, Ariz. Some of the many activities she enjoyed were her real estate business, spending time with her children and grandchildren, fishing with her husband and researching her family's genealogy. She was a member of the Mogollon Chapter of the DAR.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; two daughters, Carol L. Callahan and Connie L.

Callahan Tapia; two grandsons, Michael and Kyle Tapia; her father, John W. Harris; and her sister, Sandra L. Lawrence.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (202) 223-2226.

Mom – we miss you already!

Ruth Frazier



Services for Rebecca "Ruth" Mae Frazier, 83, Tishomingo, Okla., were March 25 at Blue (Okchamali) Baptist Church, Connerville, with Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in Seeley-Blue Cemetery.

Mrs. Frazier died March 21, 2006 at an Ardmore hospital. She was born August 8, 1922, at Ahloso, Okla., to Linton and Melvina Illetewahke Stick.

She attended Carter Seminary and later married Joe Frazier, November 25, 1943, at Ada. She was a longtime member of Blue Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and was very active in the Chi-Ka-Sha Association.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; her husband, Joe, June 28, 1999; a son, Derry Lee Frazier, September 29, 1961; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Frazier, September, 2005; a sister, Nora Burris; a brother, Woodrow Stick; and granddaughters, Layla Frazier Goodpasture and Jessie Sierra Altman-Frazier, both on March 6, 2006.

She is survived by her children, Wanda Martin and husband Dave, Summerville, S.C., Joe Frazier Jr. and wife Jackie, Chandler, Ariz., Leonard Frazier, Weeetka, Okla., Nick Frazier, Robert Frazier, both of Tishomingo, Sherry Nail and husband Quanah, Tucson, Ariz., Belvin Frazier and wife Sherry, Muskogee, Okla., Sherman Frazier, Neva Bond and husband Ronald, all of Ada, Okla., Willard Frazier and wife Sandra, Broken Bow, Okla., and adopted daughter, Linda Isenberg, Tishomingo; a sister, Cora Taylor, Ardmore, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Laura Jones and husband Mike, Oklahoma City; 22 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Mrs. Frazier's grandsons, Tobiah Frazier, Nathan Frazier, Keith Frazier, Micah Frazier, Sheldon Bond, Stephen Martin, Brian Martin, Josh Frazier, Phillip Frazier, Derek Frazier, Jason Southern, Grady Goodpasture, John Impson, Bill Willie and Douglas Willie.

Honorary bearers were Mrs. Frazier's sons, Joe Frazier Jr., Leonard Frazier, Nick Frazier, Belvin Frazier, Sherman Frazier, Willard Frazier and Robert Frazier.

Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation, especially the Division of Youth and Family Services, the Division of Justice, the Tishomingo Area Office and the Tishomingo Senior Site, as well as, numerous friends and loved ones, for the words of encouragement, food, plants, cards, monetary gifts, and most of all, for the prayers that were given during the loss of our mother, Ruth Frazier, who passed away on March 21, 2006. Your kindness was deeply and sincerely appreciated.

The Family of Ruth Frazier

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